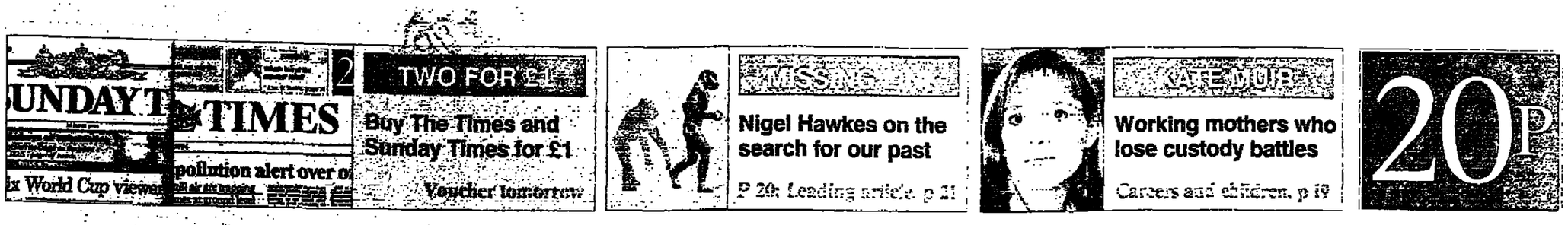
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New blow for Howard

Semtex alert follows find at 'IRA jail'

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

SEARCHES were being stepped up at Britain's top security prisons last night after nearly a kilogram of Semtex and detonators were discovered at Whitemoor prison, Cambridgeshire, where armed IRA prisoners tried to escape eleven days ago.

Within hours of the find, searches were intensified in five other maximum security prisons holding nearly 30 IRA prisoners. All inmates, visitors and staff were subjected to rigorous searches as they entered and left the prison grounds.

The find will add to the embarrassment of Derek Lewis, the director-general of the Prison Service, who had already ordered searches and increased security after the Whitemoor escape attempt.

Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, described the latest security breach as a grave matter. "I am determined to get to the bottom of what happened and to put it right," he said.

The explosive, about equal to one of the IRA bombs that killed two boys in Warrington last year, was found by special teams working with dogs from Cambridgeshire police who have been working in the prison since the IRA escape attempt. Nearly a kilogram of explosive and three detonators were hidden in a sealed container inside the 30ft perimeter wall. Prison sources said the container, which is similar to those used on freight lorries, was for the storage of inmates' belongings.

One anti-terrorist expert said last night that not much more of the explosive would have been needed to make a bomb. The find reinforces criticism of the way long-term prisoners are allowed to collect possessions that may not always be searched thoroughly. The Prison Service does not use sniffer equipment to find explosives, but relies on periodic searches with dogs.

Police are convinced that the explosive is linked to the incident this month in which five IRA prisoners and a sixth inmate escaped from Whitemoor's special secure unit. All six, two of whom were armed, were recaptured although two absconded from the grounds. A prison officer was slightly wounded in the escape and police later revealed that they had found a device in the pocket of jacket found near the prison. It was claimed the device was harmless but details were not disclosed.

Sir John Woodcock, leading the inquiry into the IRA incident at Whitemoor, told the Home Secretary last night



'I am determined to get to the bottom of what happened and to put it right'
— Michael Howard

that security measures at five other jails holding Category A prisoners must be put in place. The five jails that are being investigated are Long Lartin, Full Sutton, Parkhurst, Wakefield and Frankland.

Asked by journalists whether the find was linked with the IRA break-out, Mr Howard said: "That must certainly be the assumption. The police are carrying out their investigation and it is not for me to prejudge this investigation."

The special secure unit at Whitemoor jail is known to have been criticised in a report by Judge Stephen Tumim, Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Prisons. The report, which was due to be published later this year, has been postponed until the end of the Woodcock inquiry.

Although the judge described the prison as "almost impregnable", he is understood to have expressed concern about a "dangerously cosy relationship" between staff and inmates, many of whom had been together at the unit since it opened three years ago.

He was also critical about the extent of the privileges given to the prisoners who could order in extra food and personal belongings from funds given to them by relatives. While each inmate was entitled to a weekly allowance of £13.80, they were allowed to spend as much "private cash" as they wished, ignoring a regulation that sets the annual limit at £120.

Last night John Prescott, the Deputy Labour leader, criticised the latest incident at Whitemoor. "I think we are all very concerned about this serious breach of concern for public order and indeed to have Semtex and to have revolvers found in our high security prisons must cause considerable concern," he said.

The find is the latest in a series of embarrassments for Mr Howard, who has come under severe criticism over security in Britain's prisons. Earlier this month a handgun and six rounds of ammunition were seized in the top security unit at Durham prison. The following day, an escape map was found among high-security prisoners at Belmarsh in southeast London.

At Britain's newest private prison in Doncaster, the ringleaders of a "major concerted act of indiscipline" were transferred to nearby state prison this month. In June Judge Tumim described a state of "virtual anarchy" at Full Sutton top security jail near York.

Earlier this week, a visitor to Armley Prison in Leeds was arrested for attempting to smuggle a .22 calibre bullet into the jail. The bullet was picked up during a routine security check with metal detectors.

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ADRIAN BROOKS



Kathryn Williams yesterday after her father spoke in the contraception debate

Teenage voice of protest

BY KATHRYN KNIGHT

THE 14-year-old daughter of Nigel Williams, a Liberal Democrat councillor, spoke today of her dismay at the party's decision to pass a motion allowing free access to contraceptives for girls as young as eleven.

Kathryn Williams, a pupil at Grey Coat Hospital School in Westminster, urged her father to speak out about the dangers of passing the motion at the conference. "I can't believe that grown men and women can vote for contraception to be allowed to eleven-year-olds," she said. "The age of consent is 16, so issuing the Pill to girls below that age is encouraging them to break the law. It seems ridiculous to have one law and then undermine it with another."

Her father, a charity worker, told the Liberal Democrats' conference in Brighton: "She tackled me about this and urged me to speak out against it. In my very full and frank discussion with my daughter, some very strong views were expressed.

"First, the free availability of contraception from puberty will discourage sexual responsibility, not encourage it. Sex education in schools today rightly stresses that early sexual experimentation damages the health of young people."

Kathryn, who has an 11-year-old sister, is shocked at the thought of her being sexually active. "My sister knows the facts of life, but is too young to understand contraception ... Eleven-year-olds are far too young to get into a sexual relationship.

"There's already an awful lot of peer pressure at our age to do things like drink, smoke and have sex." She added that by making contraceptives more available it would be like giving permission.

Ashdown stakes future on deal with Blair

BY NICHOLAS WOOD AND JILL SHERMAN

PADDY Ashdown embarked on the biggest gamble of his political career yesterday by urging his party to make "common cause" with Labour.

The Liberal Democrat leader staked his party's future on persuading the electorate that only a coalition government, with a strong third party voice, could deliver national revival after more than a decade of one-party rule. In the process, he buried any suggestion that he could do a deal with John Major if the next election ends with no overall winner.

His MPs, not all of whom back his strategy, acknowledge that he runs the risk of alienating potential Tory defectors and so dealing his party an electoral body blow.

Last night, Tony Blair, the Labour leader, refused to publicly welcome Mr Ashdown's overtures, since any hint of encouraging a pact would be exploited as an admission that Labour could not take power on its own.

At the end of a grim week in Brighton, marred by division and foreboding over Labour's spectacular recovery in popular support, Mr Ashdown indicated that only by forging a post-election alliance with Mr Blair could his party prosper. He is pinning his hopes on increasing his current strength of 23 MPs to nearer 40 at the election and becoming an active player in the event of a hung parliament. But Mr Ashdown made clear he would demand proportional representation as the price for his support.

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Britain losing the war against cancer

BY JEREMY LAURANCE HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN is losing the war against cancer, which is claiming thousands more victims every year despite the huge financial and human resources pitted against it.

Figures published by the Government's Chief Medical Officer this week show that the total number of new cases of cancer rose by more than 10 per cent between 1979 and 1989, to nearly 206,000 a year.

In his annual report on the nation's health, Dr Kenneth Calman says cancers that have seen the largest increases include malignant melanoma of the skin, which has doubled over the period, bladder and kidney cancers, which have risen by almost a third, and certain cancers of the blood and lymphatic system.

Lung cancer in women has risen by over 40 per cent and cases of early-stage cervical cancer have doubled. However, the incidence of other cancers, including Hodgkin's disease, stomach cancer and lung cancer among men has fallen. Professor Gordon McVie, Scientific Director of the Cancer Research Campaign, said of the overall rise in cases: "I find it profoundly depressing that health education has failed us. We have got the information on how to prevent cancer, but we have not persuaded people to use that information to change their behaviour."

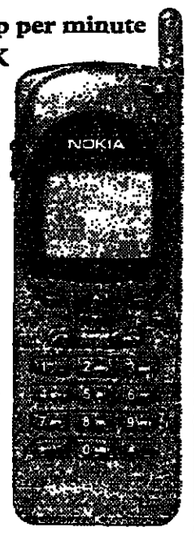
Professor McVie cited the rise in lung cancer among women, caused by smoking, which has overtaken breast cancer as the chief cause of female cancer deaths in Scotland. "It is younger women who are being affected. These are mothers and a large part of the workforce. It is a disaster."

Karol Sikora, Professor of Clinical Oncology at Ham-

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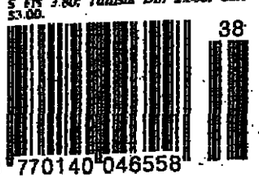
M&S makes the switch to plastic

Customers at Marks and Spencer will be able to use their Switch and Visa debit cards from next summer. But they will not be able to use credit cards. The company has until now resisted demands for all such cards. Page 25

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Portillo blocks EU paternity leave directive

BY WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU AND JILL SHERMAN

BRITAIN'S relations with its European partners further deteriorated in Brussels last night when Michael Portillo blocked a directive that sought to introduce paternity leave in the European Union.

The Employment Secretary in effect used Britain's opt-out from the Maastricht social protocol for the second time this year in opposing moves to force employers to grant at least three months' unpaid paternity leave. His move immediately prompted his 11 fellow Employment Ministers to invoke the provision allowing them to proceed with the new laws without Britain.

Mr Portillo's block, which followed an earlier opt-out on a separate European Commission directive on works councils, isolates Britain even further from Europe on social issues and drew immediate criticism from the Labour Party. Ann Clwyd, the party's employment spokesman, said Mr Portillo was a "disgrace to his country" for depriving British people of rights to paternity leave and consultation over workplace changes.

Union negotiators said they would step up their campaign for paternity leave. "If Michael Portillo won't stand up for British dads, we will," said Anne Gibson of the Manufacturing Science and Finance Union.

John Major gave his full backing to Mr Portillo, however, arguing that the paternity directive would result in higher unemployment and excessive costs to employers. At the end of his South African tour, the Prime Minister said that unemployment was falling in Britain in contrast to most of its European partners. "I want to keep unemployment falling: I don't want to pile further costs on employers," he said. "If you have excessive costs on employers, you have fewer people in work."

Before yesterday's meeting Mr Portillo, who does not have children, said he would be happy to take his annual holiday leave to take care of a newborn baby.

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British fighters in attack on Serb tank

BY MICHAEL EVANS DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH and American jet fighters strafed and bombed a Bosnian Serb tank west of Sarajevo yesterday after two United Nations soldiers were wounded in attacks by Serb forces near the capital. A French aircraft was also in the area, but was not involved.

Nato said that the strike was ordered after Serbs launched a grenade attack on a French armoured personnel carrier inside the 12-mile heavy-weapon exclusion zone. One soldier was wounded. The other was hit when the Serbs fired on a UN anti-sniper team.

Authority for the Nato airstrike was agreed between Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Rose, the UN commander in Bosnia, and the Nato command in Naples.

Two RAF Jaguar ground attack aircraft and an American A10 were used in the attack on the tank. A Nato official in Naples said the A10 strafed it with cannon and the two Jaguars each dropped a 1000lb bomb: he said the tank was hit.

The decision to launch an airstrike came after weeks of disagreement between UN commanders in Bosnia and the Nato command in Naples over tougher action.

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Haiti amnesty plan

HAITI'S military government said yesterday it would call a special session of parliament to pass an amnesty law for all crimes committed by the regime and its supporters since the 1991 coup. It also said it would go ahead with elections this winter.

The moves are certain to outrage supporters of the ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, who oppose any amnesty for the people who threw him out.

Meanwhile Lieutenant-General Cédras, leader of the junta, announced that he would not leave the country when Mr Aristide returns.

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Ashdown cheeses off his faithful volunteers

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

If Paddy Ashdown's leadership should ever be challenged — and after yesterday's peevish performance it becomes conceivable — then small events at Brighton yesterday may point the way. They occurred within hours of each other.

At 2am I looked in on the *Glee Club, in full swing* in the ballroom of the Grand. Young (and older) Liberals had been singing songs and telling jokes for more than three hours and everyone was hoarse, merry and tired. The evening was approaching its natural end.

Then Simon Hughes took the stage. Mr Hughes is the relentlessly useful MP for Southwark and Bermondsey: a hard worker and bad teamplayer: well-meaning, good-hearted, attention-seeking and regarded with exasperated affection by his party. They were glad to see him, and applauded.

This was a mistake. It encouraged him. There is no need to step on the gas with Simon. The proper function of a Hughes audience is to apply the brakes alone. He *runs perfectly well on air*, water and the sound of his own voice.

Hearing applause, he became overexcited. He tried some jokes. One or two were drifting out. Mr Hughes kindly offered to lead us in a few songs — launching into one, then another, clutching the mike with the white-knuckled grip of an addict. Thank heavens there was no karaoke machine.

Readers who live with an alcoholic will know that there comes a point — the third or fourth drink — when something snaps and the victim simply must have another. As liquor is to the wino, so is an audience to an MP. On and on Hughes went: songs, jokes, stories ... impervious to his audience's growing desire that he should cease. Wondrous is the power of human vanity.

I saw at once that Simon Hughes is capable of believing that his party needs him in the most exalted role of all. He would never win, of course. But on Mr Ashdown's showing later that morning, any challenge could seriously wound. Poor Paddy. As with so many ill-starred occasions, things went wrong from the start.

Don Foster, MP, moved the motion on education, then, leaving the rostrum, lost his footing and took a rather spectacular tumble. Delegates went on to endorse the idea that universities should be accountable to local authorities. "If throwing money at problems is Labour's besetting sin" protested one dissenter. "then ours is throwing democracy at problems".

Mr Ashdown's speech came next. As Robert Maclennan introduced him, Paddy and Jane waited in the wings. Maclennan was doing a passable imitation of a rather superior governess who has just been goosed. "A leader," he shrilled, "must be steady under fire; must inspire the loyalty and trust of his followers, trusting them and being loyal to them in return ..." (Was this a barb?) "Paddy Ashdown is such a leader!"

Maclennan stopped. Everyone clapped. Ashdown guessed this was his cue. He swept in, Jane on his arm. "This week ..." continued Maclennan. Total confusion. Paddy swept out again, trailing Jane. Moments later, Maclennan really did finish. The pair swept back.

The speech began on a poorly judged note and never recovered. Ashdown must have read the newspapers and decided he should "assert his authority". He told delegates (in so many words) that they had spoilt his party and ought to jolly well grow up. To a band of willing souls who are not rich, who do believe in things and who have sacrificed their holidays to slog down to Brighton at their own expense, this came over with an ill grace.

Mr Ashdown concluded with a none-too-subtle hint that his party must prepare to accept a role alongside a Labour government. Earlier (on another subject) he had quoted a Russian proverb: "Free cheese only comes in mousetraps". Too many delegates were thinking of the mousetrap for the final ovation to be full-hearted.

Major rejects amnesty for IRA prisoners

BY PHILIP WEBSTER IN PRETORIA, IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON AND NICHOLAS WATT

JOHN Major yesterday ruled out an amnesty for IRA prisoners.

Speaking in Pretoria at the end of his three-day visit to South Africa, the Prime Minister rejected any comparison between the Northern Ireland and South African situations.

Dismissing one of Sinn Fein's key demands since the IRA ceasefire three weeks ago, Mr Major said there was no parallel with the release of political prisoners in South Africa. He said: "In the United Kingdom *people are not in jail* as political prisoners. They are in jail because they have committed crime. They have *been sentenced by an independent* judicial process and they must serve their sentences."

Mr Major again called on *Sinn Fein to provide confirmation* that it had given up violence for good. The officials who would eventually sit down and talk to Sinn Fein needed to know for sure that the IRA would not suddenly decide to pick up arms again. "I think they are moving towards it. I am pleased about that," Mr Major said.

He said that after they had crossed that hurdle there would be a period of up to three months for preliminary talks. After that would come round-table political talks and whether Mr Adams took part in those would be up to Sinn Fein. "He may well be there," he said.

The threat from Loyalist paramilitaries will be assessed at an Anglo-Irish conference in London today by Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, and Dick Spring, Ireland's Deputy Prime Minister.

Sir Hugh Annesley, the Chief Constable of the RUC, and Patrick Culligan, the Irish police commissioner, *will brief the two ministers* on the threat from paramilitaries. Since the ceasefire, Loyalists have been relatively quiet, although the Ulster Volunteer Force injured two people in a bomb attack in Dublin and exploded a bomb outside the Sinn Fein press office in west Belfast.

Traders in Belfast said yesterday that the IRA ceasefire had led to an 8 per cent increase in business as shops scaled down security measures. Visitors from England and the Republic of Ireland, who would have avoided Belfast a few weeks ago because of the threat of IRA bomb attacks, were now back shopping in the city.

At Belfast's showpiece Castle Court shopping centre the atmosphere has relaxed considerably since the ceasefire. Security guards, who used to search everyone's bags as they entered the shopping mall, now scurry after shoplifters. The IRA bombed Castle Court three times before it opened in 1991, but the weekly bomb threats have now stopped.

However, elsewhere Belfast is less relaxed. The security forces have just started to build a peaceline in north Belfast to separate Catholics and Protestants.

Nelson McCausland, a local Ulster Unionist councillor, said yesterday: "Gangs have been throwing petrol bombs at houses. It is extremely regrettable, but sadly inevitable, that the peace line has to be built."

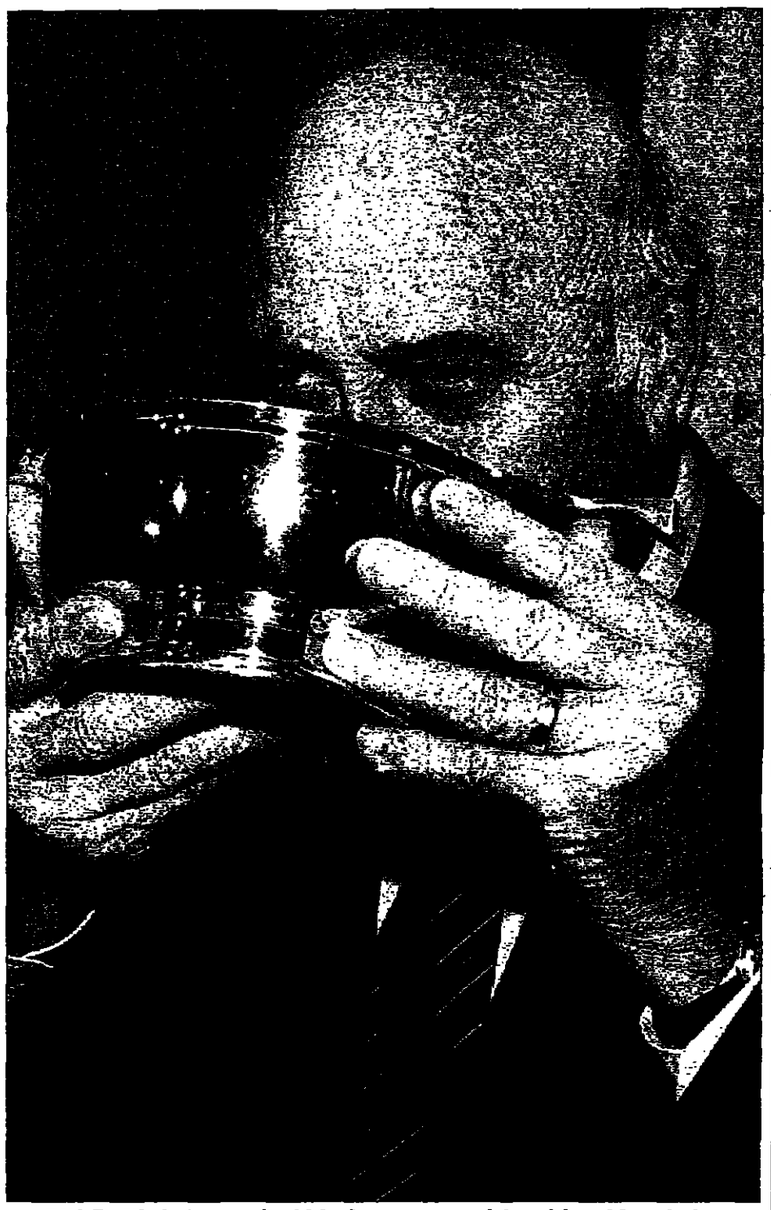
President Clinton yesterday justified his Administration's continued active interest in Irish affairs. At a Democrat fundraising dinner he said: "People in Northern Ireland still like the United States involved, along with Great Britain and Ireland, to try to work through this." Mr Clinton's aides are aware that some critics have wondered if Washington is stepping on British sovereignty.

The president also hailed John Hume, who was in the audience, as a "symbol of peace and hope" for his part in paving the way for the ceasefire.

Meanwhile, in a reverse visit to Mr Major's, F.W. de Klerk, South Africa's Deputy President, flew to Scotland and dismissed suggestions that Baroness Thatcher had scuppered his investment-seeking visit.

He insisted that Lady Thatcher's warning that there was still widespread caution among investors about South Africa's future was a view held by some businessmen. "I think she was voicing that reality," he said.

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F.W. De Klerk sips a malt whisky from a ceremonial quaich on his arrival at Edinburgh yesterday for a two-day lecture tour at Edinburgh University

Man beaten and set on fire at golf course

A man was seriously ill in hospital last night after being beaten, doused in inflammable liquid and set on fire at Lullingstone Park Golf Course near Swanley, Kent. The man, aged 20, from Charlton, southeast London, has 15 to 20 per cent burns to his upper body. Golfers who heard screams yesterday at around 10am alerted police who used a helicopter to try to track people seen running from the course.

A police spokesman said they had talked briefly to the victim, who was still heavily sedated, but believed the attack to be a domestic incident. "He is black and his girlfriend is white, but despite some reports we do not think that that was the motive," he said.

BR plans 8,000 services

British Rail is hoping to run 8,000 services during today's strike, which goes ahead as talks to resolve the signalworkers' dispute continue at Acas. Calls by Railtrack for the 24-hour *strike, which began at midnight, to be suspended* were rejected by the leadership of the RMT rail union. The 8,000 services BR says it will run represents about 53 per cent of what it claims is its normal daily level.

Caning earns probation

A man charged with assault after caning his badly behaved stepson was put on probation for 12 months yesterday. Magistrates in Loughborough heard that the man, aged 28, flew into a rage over the 12-year-old's constant misbehaviour and hit him seven times on the buttocks over his clothing, leaving bruises that were noticed by teachers. He admitted causing actual bodily harm and was ordered to pay £50 costs.

Wests appear in court

Frederick and Rosemary West yesterday made their fourth joint court appearance charged with the Gloucester mass murders. They were remanded in custody by magistrates. Mr West, 52, and his second wife, 40, are accused of murdering nine women or girls whose remains were found at Cromwell Street. He is also charged with murdering his first wife, their daughter and a nanny.

60 hurt in ammonia leak

More than 60 people received hospital treatment after ammonia leaked from a frozen chicken factory at Wigan, Greater Manchester, yesterday. A cloud of the escaped gas, thought to be from a refrigeration pipe, hung over the Pennymax plant. Ten ambulance crews gave oxygen to dozens of people suffering from irritation. None of those taken to hospital was detained.

Pontin's Lloyd's suit

Sir Fred Pontin, founder of the holiday camp group, has petitioned the High Court for an "individual voluntary agreement" with his creditors over an estimated £208,000 he owes as a Lloyd's name. More Lloyd's debtors are expected to *sell their homes in the coming months after the announcement* that the Lloyd's hardship committee is to be replaced by a harder-nosed debt collection department.

'Nude' Princess on show

Paintings that depict the Prince and Princess of Wales and which, according to the artist Stephen Lewis Gilmore, reflect "current events in the royal family" go on show today in Cirencester, Gloucestershire. One depicts a nude Princess as the hunting goddess Diana beckoning towards a Roman Catholic archbishop. Another shows the Prince with the Princess beheaded in the background.

Boys rampaged on train

Three boys who with others went on the rampage after the communication cord was pulled on a train in north London were sentenced at Camden Youth Court yesterday. Several passengers were assaulted during the incident in March. A boy aged 16 received five months' youth custody. Two boys aged 13 received 24 and 12 hours at an attendance centre.

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Viking cash ensures future of Cowes Week traditions

BY ALAN HAMILTON AND BARRY PICKTHALL

COWES WEEK, the traditional end of the English *summer season which was* floundering in the heavy seas of recession, has been rescued by a boatload of passing Vikings.

Skandia Life, a Scandinavian insurance group, has signed a £750,000 deal to *sponsor the eight-day high*light of the racing calendar for the next three years. The event has been without *commercial backing since 1991*, when Land Rover chose not to renew its four-year sponsorship. This year's regatta *was saved only by the last*-minute intervention of Medina Borough Council, the local authority for Cowes, *with £100,000 of backing*.

Captain Dan Bradby, secretary of the Cowes Combined Clubs, which organises the event, said yesterday that competitors would have faced a sharp rise in entry fees had a sponsor not been found.

Cowes' relationship with *sponsors has been far from* plain sailing. Traditionalists within the yachting fraternity have long viewed the com*mercial aspect of their regat*ta with distaste. There has also been a notable lack of success in attracting sponsors *who have anything obvious to* do with the sea.

There was uproar in the 1980s when the then sponsor, an office stationery company, asked for a list of competitors in order to bombard them with leaflets extolling the *advantages of its envelopes*. And there were mutterings of mutiny when, during Land Rover's sponsorship, the Cowes committee used a logo bearing no mention whatsoever of the company's name.

Worst of all was the unfortunate business with Aquascutum, a clothing company *now owned by the* Japanese. Talks on having them as next year's sponsor were washed overboard *when it was discovered that a* previous Cowes club secretary had sold them the rights to use the Cowes name for a *mere £1,000*.

No amount of sponsorship, however, will remove the major question mark hanging over the event. One of its major attractions, the Royal Yacht *Britannia*, is to be retired in three years, and Cowes fears that without her regal presence, the appeal of the event will be greatly diminished.

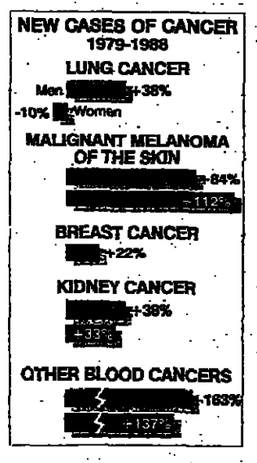
Britain losing cancer war

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mersmith Hospital, London, said that although spectacular progress had been made against certain cancers, such as childhood leukaemia and testicular cancer, little success had been achieved against the *main common forms* such as lung and breast cancer. "More people are getting cancer than ever before and we are losing *the battle against it*," he said.

The rise in lung cancer and cervical cancer is linked with the rise in smoking among *women. Cervical cancer is also* linked with human papilloma virus, which is sexually transmitted and carried by a quarter of women. The rise in kidney cancer may be linked with the consumption of painkillers, experts believe. However, Professor Julian Peto, of the Institute of Cancer Research, said that trends in incidence were likely to reflect changes in diagnosis and registration of cases.

Professor Sikora said that screening detected only 10,000 of the 200,000 new cancer cases each year, so improvements in screening could not account for the rise overall in cases. However, some cancers, such as carcinoma in situ of the cervix (early-stage cervical cancer), can be picked up only by screening. The incidence of cancer increases with age, but the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys said the ageing of the population would account for a rise in cases of less than half a per cent a year.



☐ Young and older women who take the Pill could be at increased risk of breast cancer, doctors said yesterday. But Pill users in the middle of their fertile years 25-39, do not appear to face the same threat.

The results of a Dutch study published in *The Lancet* help to throw more light on widespread confusion over a possible link. Researchers at The Netherlands Cancer Institute in Amsterdam studied 918 women aged 20-54 with breast cancer and matched them with the same number of healthy women.

Overall Pill-taking was not linked with increased risk of breast cancer, but they found that taking it for 12 or more years raised the chances of disease by 1.3 times.

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After sightings and three mauled sheep, shoot-to-kill order goes out

Police snipers and plane join hunt for Hampshire beast

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY

THE hunt for the Hampshire beast got serious yesterday. Six officers from the county's tactical firearms unit were joined by a police aircraft using heat-sensitive equipment to track down the elusive big cat.

After eight sightings, three mauled sheep and the discovery of tracks belonging to a large feline animal in a wheat field, police decided to mount a thorough search of 32 square miles of arable farmland and woods around the village of Bramley. If the creature is found, police have orders to shoot to kill.

A family ramble planned for today by the village school's parent teachers' association has been cancelled and pupils have been told to play close to their homes. The danger of a child or adult being eaten by the animal is being taken seriously.

Inspector Frank Connor said at Basingstoke police station, where the search is being co-ordinated: "There is something out there. We are pretty sure it is a big cat, but is it a lion or is it a puma?"

Yesterday's search, named Operation Gordon, resulted in a set of paw prints being discovered, but early indications suggested they belonged to a dog rather than a big cat. A total of 15 police took part.

The creature was first seen by Trevor Illsley, a gamekeeper, who described a puma-type cat on a country lane in January. In March, there were two sightings of a large cat near a chalk pit. The animal laid low until August, when a man said he had almost stood on a lion-type cat at a plantation.

This month there has been a spate of incidents.

On September 3, a motorist saw it along the M3. The same day, two sheep were attacked and one half-eaten in a penned enclosure in Pot Lane, Old Basing. The savaging was consistent with an attack by a big cat, or a big dog.

On Sunday, two cyclists called police after seeing what they said was a lion crossing a field. The police officer discovered the tracks of a large cat. The same day at 5pm, Gordon Lischombes, using binoculars, saw a lion-type animal at a distance of 200 yards.

Geoff Vince, headteacher of the village school, said: "We have had varying reports from children who say they have either seen, run away from, and in one case fed, the lion. I think we can put these down to vivid imaginations.

"We are still allowing the children in the playground but



the attendants will be vigilant. I've spoken to one parent who used to have some involvement with lions. He says if the animal exists, it will not approach a screaming group of playing children. I don't blame it."

Vadera Sucheta, who runs the village post office, has become increasingly alarmed while listening to her customers exchanging details of the big cat at large. "There have been reports of mauled sheep and cattle in the area and a gypsy found some large footprints," she said. "The distance between each step was measured at more than four foot. I think it must have escaped from a circus."

Big cats can be kept legally in Britain but a licence is required. There are no animals reported missing from homes, zoos or circuses, so police believe the Beast of Bramley must be an unlicensed creature, possibly a cub whose appetite outgrew its welcome. A lion will eat 30lb to 40lb of meat at a sitting.

Experts in big cats from London and Marwell zoos have been consulted. Having listened to advice, police have decided that a shoot-to-kill policy is a more sensible tactic than attempting to dope the cat using a tranquilliser.

"People are asking us why don't we shoot it with a dart because they have seen it on TV on *Daktari*," Mr Connor said. "It's all right in Africa, but we have got an indigenous big cat, possibly a lion or a puma, in Hampshire.

"An animal such as this could cause mayhem in a heavily populated area." A tranquilliser dart could take at least five minutes to work. "In five minutes it could possibly eat the bloke who shot it," Mr Connor said.

In yesterday's operation two Land Rovers, each containing a police officer and local gamekeeper, scoured the area. Another two Land Rovers each carried a sniper and two officers from the Tactical Firearms Unit armed with shotguns.

The rules of engagement are that, if the big cat is seen, all the marksmen should converge on the spot. The two snipers will fire simultaneously. Those carrying shotguns will provide cover as the animal is approached, in case it is wounded and charges.

Anyone who sees the beast is advised to walk away calmly. Mr Connor said lions tended to have a large feast, then fast for several days. "If it has just had a meal, it will probably not be interested but if it's getting to day four . . ."



Police marksmen arriving yesterday at Basingstoke police station



The countryside around the village of Bramley is scoured for the big cat

Prisoner who fled TV studio was not guarded by officers

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

A WOMAN prisoner who escaped from a Manchester television studio after recording an interview was with prison officers acting as helpers, not guards, the Prison Service said yesterday.

As the police continued to hunt for Jackie Clotty, 31, who escaped on Wednesday, the Prison Service said she had been sentenced on September 16 to eight months for theft. She was released on temporary leave licence to appear in the programme. She had been on remand for some time and would have been released in November. She was due to be moved soon from Risley to an open prison.

Clotty disappeared after giving prison officers the slip at Granada TV studios in Manchester, walking out of the front doors. A crack cocaine addict, she had been filmed with the agony aunt Denise Robertson in a recording of *Close to the Edge*. The progamme, which has a religious flavour with a cleric giving advice, will be broadcast on Granada on Sunday.

Two prison officers who had escorted Clotty from Risley allowed her to go to the lavatory after filming. She somehow slipped out of the studios on Quay Street. Apart from the two prison officers Clotty was with another prisoner, Tanya Crawford, who returned to Risley.

A Granada spokesman said: "We understood the prison officers were there for security reasons. We do not know how she gave them the slip but it does not seem possible for her to have got out of a window. She probably walked out the front doors. After all we are not a prison."

A spokesman for the Prison Service said: "Temporary leave licences are looked at very carefully and only granted when it is thought that the prisoner is unlikely to abscond. The whole system of temporary leave licences and home leave is under review but I can't say whether this incident will form a part of that review."

Sir Malcolm Thornton, Conservative MP for Crosby, said he thought the attitude of governors to allow inmates to leave the prison under minimum security was deplorable. He called for Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, to take action.

"I am aware that prisoners need some sort of rehabilitation and to be treated like human beings," he said. "It is common sense that security should be tightened whenever an inmate leaves the prison."



Jackie Clotty, right, and Tanya Crawford, left, with the two prison officers

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Pensioner loses to peer in court

BY KATE ALDERSON

A PENSIONER has been ordered by a judge to remove a row of pot plants from his garden after his landlord, Viscount Rochdale, claimed that he was breaking his tenancy agreement by altering the character of the garden.

Ron Oliver, 71, has now been left with a legal bill of £20,000 which he says will wipe out his life savings. Mr Oliver, who lives in Derwentwater, Cumbria, had displayed and tended the potted conifers on his patio in memory of his wife Jean, who died six years ago.

Judge Robert Brown, sitting at Carlisle County Court, ruled that Mr Oliver had infringed his tenancy agreement by changing the character of his garden and ordered the removal of "each and every plant pot, tub or shrub container together with all the plants contained therein".

The judge also said that Mr Oliver must take down his larch fencing screens and all plants "whether planted or self-sown" growing around his lawn. A ban was also issued on future planting on the patio.

Viscount Rochdale, 56, who heads the Lingholm Private Trust, a group of landlords, and lists his hobbies as gardening and forestry, sought a court injunction to force Mr Oliver to remove the plants. Mr Oliver has lived in the east wing of Derwent Bay House, for 16 years, paying £235 a month rent to the Trust. David Gillibrand, for the Trust, said: "We did our very best to accommodate Mr Oliver but it eventually came to the point where he had gone far enough."

Speaking after the County Court hearing in Carlisle yesterday, Mr Oliver said he was "wrecked" by the judge's ruling. "It is a disaster," he said. "It has destroyed everything in one swipe. There is no justice any more. I have been trying to defend Jean's memory as best I can and this is what I get. It has destroyed many, many years of love and devotion."

Mr Oliver argued that his garden had originally been open plan and said that he and his wife had positioned the potted plants partly to screen their home from tourists.

He said: "Some people think I had a nerve challenging a peer of the realm in court, but in Jean's memory I had to do it. It is a horror story that a peer decided to take this extreme action against an old man who simply wants to live a peaceful life with the memory of his wife.

"Once I have pulled myself together I will start talking to my solicitor about an appeal. I am determined to defend Jean's memory to the end. It's worth one last try."

Dairy firms tell judge milk could cost 3p more

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THE price of a pint of milk could rise by 3p and those of milk products by up to 27 per cent under proposals to reform the dairy market, the dairy industry claimed in the High Court yesterday.

Cheese, butter, yoghurt, fromage frais and ice cream would flood in from abroad if the Government's plan to end the Milk Marketing Board control of the price of milk ended, said Gerald Barling, QC, for the Dairy Trade Federation. Prices would rise by an average of 10 per cent for milk products, with some increasing by 27 per cent.

The reforms would result in plant closures, job losses and in some cases dairy companies moving abroad, he said.

The federation represents dairy companies in Britain, which buy 97 per cent of raw milk. It is seeking leave from a High Court judge for a judicial review of the Government's decision to end 61 years of monopoly on the sale of milk and to replace it with Milk Marque, an independent co-operative owned by farmers. Mr Barling said the decision by Gillian Shephard, when she was Agriculture Minister, to approve the reorganisation was unlawful.

Under the new system, demand had been inflated artificially, resulting in "massive price rises which have no apparent justification".

He said that while the Milk Marketing Board of England and Wales had a monopoly and exclusive rights to buy raw milk products, it was subject to strict controls on price-fixing. But there was "considerable concern" that its successor had no such controls. Mr Barling claimed that the Government had a duty to make sure that measures were put in place to prevent the new body from abusing its monopoly.

"Our aim is to ensure that safeguards are put in place so that the new animal is not let loose with none of the statutory restraints of its predecessor," he said. The Government's failure to insist on those safeguards was "a recipe for disaster".

It was not a case of doom-mongerers saying that prices were going to rocket. It was already happening, because contract bidding started in June and prices had already risen by an average of 10 per cent across the board, ranging from 27 per cent on some products to 3.8 per cent on others. "There are very substantial increases in prices for no apparent economic reason."

Kenneth Parker, QC, for the Ministry of Agriculture, said that the case should not be allowed to go to a full hearing because the federation had delayed too long in bringing the action.

Plans for the new scheme, to be introduced on November 1, would be "scuppered" and the "dinosaur" arrangements of the Milk Marketing Board would be back in place. "We are going to have 29,000 milk producers plunged into uncertainty if these proceedings continue."

The federation says it had to wait for contract bidding and the decision of William Waldegrave, the Agriculture Minister, not to refer Milk Marque to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. The hearing continues.



Shephard: her decision was unlawful, dairy firms say

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Luxury care for judges on circuit costs more than hotel

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE lavish life led by the High Court on circuit, long a well-kept secret, began to emerge yesterday after the Lord Chancellor announced a review of whether the £4 million bill for judges' lodgings represents value for money.

Some High Court judges were provided with a hired Rolls-Royce to take them 100 yards to court; others are waited on by butler, cook, housekeeper and chambermaid even if they are the only judge in lodgings.

The costs, which far outstrip those of luxury hotels, range from £2,167 per judge a week at Manchester to £10,897 per judge a week at Lewes, East Sussex. The cheapest lodging is Warwick, costing £505 per judge a week.

There are 32 lodgings around the country, including fine and historic country houses, where the average annual cost is £122,000.

The review of the costs was announced after figures given in a parliamentary answer to Stephen Byers, Labour MP for Wallsend. "At a time when anyone earning more than £70 a week is denied free legal aid, how can the Lord Chancellor defend spending up to £10,000 on judges' lodgings?" Mr Byers asked.

One of the grandest is Larkbeare House and its estate, which covers four acres in Exeter, rolling down to the Exe riverfront.

The eight-bedroom mansion is the second biggest residential house in Exeter after the Bishop's Palace. It has reception rooms and a large dining-room on the ground floor while upstairs, the two High Court judges who visit Exeter four times a year occupy the largest bedrooms, with private bathrooms.

The house is only used when the judges are in residence, for 14 weeks a year. A housekeeper looks in every day and when the judges are present she acts as a cook. Two gardeners arrive each morning to tend the vast gardens.

Total running costs come to £90,284 a year, which works out at £6,449 for each week a judge is in residence. By comparison, the exclusive White Hart Hotel in Exeter five minutes' walk away from Exeter Crown Court, costs £78 each weekday night.

The Lord Chancellor's Department justifies the lodgings on security grounds and because they give judges somewhere to work out of court. A spokesman said: "If they stayed in little country hotels they could be easily targeted by anyone with a grudge. These properties offer a measure of protection."

The lodgings are also used for extensive entertaining: judges host dinners for community leading figures. Increasingly, however, the tradition of staying in the club atmosphere of lodgings is losing its appeal. Many younger judges dislike being away from their families for so long. Wives can accompany them (if the judges pay for them) but nowadays are less keen to do so.

One judge's wife said that some of the lodgings were very comfortable and they were a good way for the judge to meet local people, but they were "perhaps caught in a time warp".

Another said that some lodgings had strict rules. "Wives appear, for afternoon tea and then after dinner you are really expected to fade away and not be there. And you mustn't come down for breakfast before the senior judge. I always know when my husband has been too long in lodgings — when he leaves his shoes outside his door to be cleaned."

Another grand lodging is Ayres End House, a mock-Tudor turn-of-the-century country house in two acres of gardens outside Harpenden in Hertfordshire.

A housekeeper and her husband live permanently at the house, which is used by High Court judges sitting at Luton or St Albans crown courts for about 28 weeks a years.

A chauffeur was provided at Lincoln Crown Court until one judge dispensed with the service and decided to walk.

The Lincoln lodgings are the second most expensive in the country, costing more than £10,000 for every week a judge is in residence.

The lodgings are only used six times a year. There is a full-time steward, and waitresses, kitchen staff and a cleaner are brought in when the High Court sits. A chef is also brought in to cook for the judge and his or her clerk.

In Chester, Georgian-style Upton Heyes House is set in heavily wooded and extensive parkland grounds in an affluent area of the city.

From the road, the house is protected from prying eyes by a dense thicket of 60ft high oak and sycamore trees and thick holly bushes.

The live-in butler, David Thomas, would not say how often he plays host to judges at Upton Heyes House. But he did say there were cleaners, chauffeur and cooks.

Mr Thomas defended the judges' way of life. "We look after them when they come here. They are very important people who do a very important and taxing job — they work for the Queen. They need to be able to concentrate when they come here."



Accompanied by two nurses, Susan Horler arrives to give evidence

Tory councillor cleared of tricking disabled voter



Warren: won council seat by 46 votes

BY JOHN YOUNG

A CONSERVATIVE councillor in Brent, northwest London, was cleared yesterday of tricking a severely disabled woman into registering a vote for him.

John Warren, chairman of the council's education committee and former deputy leader, had been accused by Asish Sengupta, his defeated Labour opponent, of having misled Susan Horler, 47, into believing she had signed an application for a postal vote when it was a proxy form.

Earlier in the week Mrs Horler, who is awaiting a heart and lung transplant, had given evidence from a wheelchair connected to an oxygen tank with two nurses in attendance. She claimed to be a life-long Labour supporter and to have discovered only after the council elections on May 5 this year that her vote had been registered for the Conservatives.

Mr Warren, an accountant, was accused of deception and of breaching the Representation of the People Act 1993. He won the seat by 46 votes with the aid of 29 proxy votes.

Giving judgment yesterday in a specially convened electoral court, the Commissioner, Judge Hallchurch, said the case centred upon a visit by Mr Warren to Mrs Horler's home on March 30 while he was canvassing.

In comparing the accounts, he felt obliged to accept Mr Warren's evidence over Mrs Horler's, who must have been confused at the time. Costs estimated at £30,000 were awarded against Mr Sengupta.

Woman bitten by flea dies of typhus

A British woman aged 64 died after being bitten by a flea on holiday in Benalmádena, Spain. Dr John Pether, of the Public Health Laboratory at Musgrove Park Hospital, Taunton, Somerset, reporting in *The Lancet*, said the death was very rare. No precautions can be taken.

Roof arrest

Police smashed their way on to the roof of a Bristol council house with sledgehammers to arrest a man who had refused to come down for two hours. Stephen Harper, 32, was remanded by Bristol magistrates on charges of burglary, affray and criminal damage.

Rugby victim

A 17-year-old boy has died after being injured in a school rugby match. Matthew Mason, from Shebbear College, north Devon, was taken to hospital by air ambulance with serious chest and head injuries on Wednesday after colliding with another player.

Beeton blamed

Mrs Beeton was blamed for hospitalising eight people by John Ferrier, who used her mayonnaise recipe for his Posh Nosh service in Cardiff. The raw egg used contained salmonella, Cardiff magistrates were told. Mr Ferrier denies selling unfit food. Judgment was reserved.

Bosnia death

Police Sergeant Paul Sutton, 36, who died while on a mercy mission to Bosnia, suffered a burst stomach ulcer, a post-mortem examination showed. The father of three, from Sawtry, Cambridgeshire, was with colleagues from the county force on a Feed the Children convoy.

Poison casualty

A detective who skipped bail while charged with murdering a pregnant woman died from carbon monoxide poisoning, East Dereham Coroners' Court, Norfolk, was told. Detective Constable Vincent Hand, 31, was found dead in his car last Saturday. The inquest was adjourned.

Ban is no laugh

Nigel Shaler, 26, of Southsea, Hampshire, a Southampton supporter who laughed at Portsmouth magistrates when they banned him from Portsmouth Football Club's ground, has been barred from all stadiums and fined £100. He admitted being drunk.

Rare birds shot

Police are investigating the shooting of a breeding pair of choughs, one of the rarest bird species in Europe, near their nest on cliffs in south Gower on the west Wales coast. Wales is the UK stronghold of the chough and home to 140 pairs, more than half the British population.

Spaghetti nanny wins job payout

A YOUNG nanny won £2,800 compensation yesterday after she was sacked for feeding two children in her care too much spaghetti and not enough fish fingers.

An industrial tribunal in Manchester heard that Susan Conner, 25 and her employer, Alison Schofield, clashed over the menus for James, 9, and Michael, 7. Mrs Schofield, of Blackrod, Bolton, told the tribunal: "There was too much spaghetti on toast and not enough fish fingers, chips and peas. I thought they weren't being fed properly."

She also claimed that Miss Conner had rifled through private papers and dropped the boys too far away from their school. The nanny was sacked more than a year ago and the boys are now looked after by a friend.

Miss Conner was awarded £2,792 compensation, but was found 20 per cent responsible. She said: "I really did not want it to go this far although I am happy with what the tribunal decided. She said I didn't feed the children properly, but they told me my cooking was better than their mother's. They cried when they were told I had been sacked."

She said: "Alison and I worked out the menus on a monthly basis but I would change them around if the kids wanted something else. All kids love spaghetti and James and Michael were no different."

Rhys goes home after new bone-marrow transplant

BY A STAFF REPORTER

RHYS Daniels, 3, who was given a "last-chance" bone-marrow transplant seven weeks ago, left hospital yesterday in his favourite Tottenham Hotspur football kit.

Barry Daniels, of Epping, Essex, held his son's hand as he jumped down the hospital steps to meet his mother, Carmen, and sister, Charly. Rhys and Charly, 6, suffer from Batten's Disease, which causes dementia and blindness and usually proves fatal by the age of seven. Charly is too old for the operation.

Dressed in a blue tracksuit donated by the Spurs football team, Rhys waved and smiled for the cameras. Mr Daniels, 35, a computer technician, said: "We're just so happy that Rhys is coming home. It's going to be a quiet family reunion." Mrs Daniels said: "I'm glad we are all going to be together but there is still a long way to go."

Last summer Rhys became the first person to undergo a bone-marrow transplant from an unrelated donor. In February it became apparent the operation had failed and two months ago Rhys underwent a second operation at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children in Bristol.

"This really was the last chance for Rhys. So far all seems to have gone well," Mr Daniels said. "Rhys is a really brave little boy. He just wants to do what other boys his age do like running around and kicking a football."

Doctors say it could be a year before they know if the second operation has been a success and for the present Rhys will stay in Bristol so that he can be close to the hospital.



Rhys Daniels and his father Barry leaving the Royal Hospital for Sick Children in Bristol yesterday. "He just wants to do what other boys his age do"

Panorama chief given new job

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

GLENWYN Benson, the editor of BBC1's *Panorama* who was last week at the centre of controversy over an edition about single mothers, has been moved to a new job within the corporation.

The BBC confirmed yesterday that Ms Benson, 46, who has been editor of *Panorama* for two-and-a-half years, is to become head of Education for Adults. She will take up the post later this autumn.

Last week the Broadcasting Complaints Commission published an indictment of the *Panorama* programme "Babies on Benefit", concluding that it was unfair and unjust. The commission, which polices fairness on television, also criticised programme-makers for selectively editing an interview with an unmarried mother and said they had been "irresponsible" to quote from unofficial and unconfirmed data. The programme, which emphasised the huge cost to the welfare system of unmarried mothers, was broadcast last September.

Ms Benson firmly and publicly refuted the commission's findings. She questioned the legitimacy of the complaint, filed by a pressure group, the National Council for One Parent Families. The BBC also sought leave to apply for judicial review of the commission's ruling.

A BBC spokeswoman yesterday denied that Ms Benson's departure from *Panorama* was connected with the clash with the commission. "It represents a considerable promotion," she said. In her new role, Ms Benson will have responsibility for television and radio programmes on language learning, health, social action campaigns and equal opportunities.

Ms Benson, a highly respected editor, joined the BBC in 1989 after establishing a career in television with ITV's *Weekend World*. As editor of *Panorama* she was responsible for programmes such as "The Manager", about the England football manager Terry Venables, and "An Ordinary Boy", on Colin Parry, whose son Tim was killed by the Warrington bomb.

Ms Benson was not available for comment yesterday. In a statement welcoming her new appointment, she said: "We are moving to a world where viewers and listeners are educating us about what they need and it's our job to find ways of providing what they want, when they want it."

She added: "I am especially delighted to be offered this post as education has always been a priority in my family." Her father edited publications on education and her late mother was a teacher.

Panorama's new editor had not been named last night.

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Condon denounces legalisation of cannabis

By Lucy Berrington

MICHAEL POWELL



Sir Paul Condon talks with pupils from Oak Farm School, Hillingdon, west London, who sang at the opening of yesterday's conference

LEGALISING cannabis is no answer to Britain's drug problem and even debating the possibility could increase abuse, the Chief Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police said yesterday.

The only solution lay in educating children and teenagers, Sir Paul Condon said. His speech came three days after the Liberal Democrats at their party conference voted in favour of the decriminalisation of cannabis. "Although I respect the views of others, the notion that decriminalising any category of drugs would make the problem go away is extremely dangerous," Sir Paul said.

"By continuing to debate the possibility of legalisation we are diminishing the dangers of drugs in the eyes of the young. We must take the utmost care not to make drugs appear attractive," the commissioner told a conference in London organised by Life Education International, a charity that works towards drugs education.

He asked where the age limit on the use of cannabis would be set, claiming dealers would select playgrounds and youth clubs, and that teenage rebelliousness would manifest itself through the increasing use of harder drugs. Dealers would also move on to other substances, he said. "If you squeeze the drug dealing balloon in one spot it will inevitably expland in another."

Every year 14,000 people die of drug abuse. More than a quarter of burglaries committed in London are thought to be committed by drug addicts, and substance abuse is held responsible for more than half of deaths from fires and more than 30 per cent of drownings.

The most powerful solution was reducing the demand, to be achieved through educating children, Sir Paul said. "Ultimately any lasting reduction in the demand for drugs will rely on a conscious decision by the future generation not to take part."

Recent research showed that by the age of 15, one in ten people had started smoking, one in six was using cannabis, one in twenty had moved on to LSD, amphetamines and speed, and one in 100 was a heroin abuser.

Politicians yesterday condemned funding cuts that have led to the loss of drugs education co-ordinators in schools. "It is a near scandal that government funding for these ended last year." Tim Rathbone, chairman of the all-party parliamentary group on drugs misuse, said.

The alternative to drugs education, Sir Paul said, was "a society in which our children play in the street amongst discarded needles, become the innocent victims of shootouts between rival dealers, and more people become prisoners in their own homes because they are scared of returning to find their possessions have been stolen to fund someone's addiction."

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Victims' wishes will be considered before violent criminals are released

Parents of defiant juvenile offenders could be jailed

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Correspondent

"PARENTS face punishment by the courts if juvenile offenders fail to carry out community sentences such as clearing litter or graffiti, Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, said yesterday.

Mr Howard said courts could issue orders binding the parents to make sure their children did the work. If they failed, the courts could call them back with the children. The aim was to make parents accountable, he said.

Parents could be judged on factors such as how much control they had over their children. If the courts felt they could have done more, parents might be fined. In extreme cases they could find themselves in prison.

The plan to put pressure on parents to help to make community sentences work was announced yesterday as Mr Howard proposed guidelines for the supervision of offenders serving sentences. Offenders from the age of 10 upwards could face more demanding mental or physical work, including helping to improve the neighbourhood.

The guidelines also recommend that greater account should be taken of the wishes of victims. In cases of sexual or violent offences, victims should be told when offenders are likely to be released under supervision and given the chance to comment on the terms of the release. In general, when pre-release reports are being prepared, victims who want to be kept informed should be able to express comments. The report should also consider the attitude of the local community to the offender.

The guidelines are expected to take effect in January and set standards for alternatives to custodial sentences. They include supervision orders for children from 10 to 17 and community and probation orders for older offenders.

The guidelines spell the end for a system where some young offenders have been sent on extensive holidays. Last year there was uproar over the case of a young ramraider who went on an 80-day safari.

Mr Howard said: "Sometimes there has been an excessive concentration on the offender without properly taking into account the rest of the community."

Offenders should not appear to be getting a reward but be given demanding social work to make amends including "hard physical work. They could make some reparation for the damage they have caused."

The guidelines lay down for the first time that pre-sentence reports on offenders should pay more attention to victims. The reports should also include the offender's attitude towards the victim and interest in making amends, an assessment of reoffending and behaviour patterns.

The assessment of the impact of the crime on the victim will be taken from statements already made for the prosecution case.

Mr Howard dismissed any suggestion that victims should have a direct say in sentences. "The courts have to act for society as a whole," he said. Bringing victims into the sentencing process could add to bureaucracy.

Alun Michael, shadow minister on home affairs, said the guidelines were a pathetic response to crime problems and unworkable in some parts of the country.

But the Home Secretary's new standards were welcomed, with reservations, by the Association of Chief Officers of Probation. Mary Honeyball, general secretary, said: "We see this document as something that will give magistrates and judges greater confidence to increase their use of community sentences, and that is a good thing."

However, she questioned the value of making parents responsible if their children did not comply. It punished well-behaved brothers and sisters and could increase the chance of parents putting their children into care, she said.

Harry Fletcher, assistant general secretary of the National Association of Probation Officers, said: "Further rules and regulations will make supervision mechanistic, bureaucratic and ultimately unworkable, which will lead to more, not less, crime."

The Howard League said the idea of children carrying out "forced labour" had already been condemned by magistrates and childcare experts. The plans offered no additional protection or recompense for victims, it said.



Michael: guidelines a pathetic response

JAMES VELLACOTT



Hook, who is due for sentence in Gloucester today, with his mother Rita

Youth taken to Africa says trip was a waste

By A Staff Reporter

THE youth who was sent on a trip to Africa last year as part of his rehabilitation yesterday condemned it as a waste of taxpayers' money.

Mark Hook, who could not be named before his eighteenth birthday on September 1, went on the 88-day tour after Gloucester social workers sent him to the Bryn Melyn centre in Gwynedd.

Hook is due before Gloucester Crown Court today for sentence on a charge of handling stolen goods. But in an interview from his cell with the *Gloucester Citizen* he said that he never understood what his trip to East Africa and Egypt, which included climbing the Pyramids and cruising the Nile, was supposed to do for him.

"I knew I would not come back as a reformed character. I don't know why they thought I would," said Hook, of Gloucester. He described the Bryn Melyn centre as a waste of money. "People should not have thought of the idea. I wasn't interested in changing my life when they sent me to Bryn Melyn. I will change my lifestyle when I want to. Bryn Melyn get people sent to them at the age of 14. At that age I think they can be helped, but for people like me it's a waste."

The Bryn Melyn centre told him he was going to Africa — "so I would say yes, wouldn't I? I didn't actually know it was taxpayers' money. But I would never have gone if I had known the problems it would cause for my mother — it has caused her stress because of what's been written about it."

Deryk Mead, director of Gloucestershire social services, questioned the honesty of Hook's comments, saying: "He has said other things previously. He has actually published a statement saying it was very effective for him. We cannot be accused of wasting public money. If he had not gone to Bryn Melyn he would have gone into secure accommodation costing £2,300 a week. At that time we were paying £1,600 for Bryn Melyn. It's still expensive but we were saving £700 a week.

"The trip to Africa did not cost the local authority anything extra — what Bryn Melyn did with the fees we paid was a matter for them."

Hook admitted house burglary and driving offences before Gloucester Crown Court on September 1.

His freedom came to an end in July this year when he was sentenced to six months' youth detention for a house burglary in Gloucester which he committed while on home leave from Bryn Melyn.

The court was told Hook had been put on 23 supervision orders for a series of offences during his youth.

Bannister hails sport as answer to yob culture

■ Britain is "a nation of the contentedly unfit" according to Sir Roger Bannister. But he says compulsory sport can improve children's manners and their respect for the law. John O'Leary reports

THE man who ran the first four-minute mile 40 years ago prescribed more school sport yesterday as the answer to the "yob culture" identified by the Prime Minister. Sir Roger Bannister, former Master of Pembroke College, Oxford, told independent school heads that children should be forced to play more sport. The habit of taking exercise had to be ingrained early in life.

Sir Roger, who made a career in medicine, condemned Britain as a "nation of the contentedly unfit". In a speech to the Headmasters' Conference in Bournemouth, he said sport could turn youngsters into hard-working, healthy adults with good manners and respect for the law.

"Unless there is an element of compulsion with physical education, children are unlikely to take sport seriously," Sir Roger said. "For every child who may be put off by compulsory sport, there will be nine others sufficiently well taught to delight in their skill and repay the benefits of this training over a lifetime."

The subject has become politically contentious since Iain Sproat, the minister of sport, demanded more compulsory team games in state schools. John Major is taking a personal interest in Whitehall discussions led by the Education Department, and is expected to act before the end of the year.

Compulsory games will be extended beyond the present cut-off point at 14 when the national curriculum is revised next year. Ministers are also finalising plans for the first specialist sports academies in the state sector.

Sir Roger, who at 65 is still a regular cyclist, defended competition in sport, which he said was "scorned and derided" in some schools. "Some children do find competitive sport difficult. But even if pupils lack the skills to succeed in sport, life itself brings reverses. Sport is a way of learning to accept them with grace."

He said a fitter nation would also be a more productive one, with children going on to become better workers. More exercise was also essential to reduce the high rate of heart disease in Britain. Sir Roger said his vision of fitter schoolchildren growing into healthier, more productive and happier adults would require more sports teachers and better community facilities.

☐ Teachers' marriages are breaking under the strain of their workload and "instability" in the classroom caused by government reforms, a teaching union says today. More than one in four of the calls to a legal helpline run by the Association of Teachers and Lecturers sought advice on family problems.

Most calls were from teachers in their 40s with at least two children. Advice on problems with contracts of employment or pay were the next most common subjects among the 300 calls taken on the helpline in its first two months of operation.

Peter Smith, the association's general secretary, said: "We understand from our own research that teachers are badly affected by lack of stability in the classroom, their workload and undue stress. Teachers' personal lives are paying a price for classroom problems."



Sir Roger: "Children should be forced to do more sport"

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Drift-net fishermen wreck England's finest salmon rivers

BY NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

SALMON face extinction in many English and Welsh rivers unless urgent action is taken to curb drift-net fishing off the Irish coast, conservationists and anglers said yesterday.

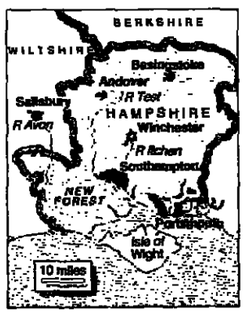
Figures released by the Wessex Salmon Association show a dramatic slump in salmon numbers on rivers including the Itchen, Avon and Test in Hampshire. Catches on the Test, one of the world's most famous chalk salmon streams, have dropped from 1,500 in the 1950s to 700 last year.

Brian Marshall, chairman of the association, said: "Statistically speaking, the fish is going to become extinct in these waters by 1996. To lose salmon from the Test would be like losing the tiger in India. It is unthinkable."

Chris Poupard, of the Salmon and Trout Association, said pollution was part of the problem. Silt and agricultural chemicals were running into the rivers, contaminating breeding grounds and making it difficult for eggs to develop into smolts.

The National Rivers Authority is trying to reduce damage to spawning grounds by prosecuting polluters and encouraging better management of water courses. But Mr Poupard said those efforts were undermined by drift-net fishing off the Irish coast, some of which was legal and much illegal.

The Irish fishermen pick off migratory salmon from southern England and Wales as they return from feeding grounds in Greenland and the Faeroes. Mr Poupard said damage extended to French and Spanish rivers. Attempts to persuade Ireland to clamp down on drift-netting were frustrated by the British Government, he said.



The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Foods licenses drift-netting off Northumberland. While the activities of the British drift-nets, which are restricted to six miles offshore, are causing less damage than the Irish ones, Dublin is reluctant to act without London acting too. "Our two countries have become the pariahs of salmon conservation," Mr Poupard said.

A draft Bill was recently presented to the European Union banning drift-netting of tuna in European waters. Drift-netting of tuna in the Bay of Biscay sparked the recent violent clashes between British, French and Spanish fishermen. Mr Poupard said the draft Bill included a ban on drift-netting of salmon but the move was blocked by the Agriculture Ministry.

The lack of income from anglers is not only damaging attempts to conserve spawning grounds but affects the economy of many salmon-fishing areas. Ray Borras, who owns a stretch of the Avon near Fordingbridge, Hampshire, said: "A lot of fishermen are just giving up. The future of the river hangs in the balance."

Salmon breed only in the river in which they were spawned. Restoring the fish to a river when they have disappeared presents great difficulties. Researchers fear that even when salmon make it back to breeding grounds, rising acidity is reducing the chances of mating.



Mr Bush on the St Andrews Old Course yesterday. His grandfather gave the Walker Cup for competition between Britain and America

St Andrews renews old acquaintance with Bush family

GEORGE Bush renewed his family's historic links with the Royal and Ancient Golf Club at St Andrews, Fife, yesterday when he took part in the final day's play of the Autumn Medal meeting over the championship Old Course.

The former American president, who is on a four-day private holiday at St Andrews, was playing the course for the first time. In 1922 his grandfather, George Herbert Walker, a past president of the United States Golf Association, donated the Walker Cup for biennial competition between teams of amateur golfers representing the United States and Great Britain and Ireland. His father, Prescott Bush, was also a president of the association and his brother, also called Prescott, is a member of the Royal and Ancient.

George Bush, who was made an honorary member of the club in 1990, played off a handicap of 20 yesterday and his net score was 73. Par for the Old Course is 72. He was accompanied by security guards as he walked the 200 yards from the club's residence to the first tee.

Looking relaxed, Mr Bush had a few practice swings before being introduced to his playing partners, the Royal and Ancient's new captain Gordon Jeffrey and its immediate past captain, Lord Griffiths.

Prices sliced on meat bargains

BY JAYNE MCLAUGHLAN

MEAT is a bargain buy this week with Asda rump steak at £3.48 a lb and Safeway fillet down from £7.68 to £6.68 a lb.

English herrings are also cheap at 75p a lb and whiting, an excellent fish for pies, is selling for £1.50 a lb.

The week's best fruit buy is Italia seeded grapes at 44-65p a lb.

Advertised best buys:

Asda: 4 charcoal quarter pounders £1.29; 6 battered haddock steaks £1.99; green seedless grapes 69p a lb; 1 litre Moscato Frizzante £1.79.

Budgens: fresh beef top-side/silverside/top rump £1.99 a lb; Giles pepperoni gigantic pizza £1.99; Marques de Caro Tinto Reserva spanish red wine £2.69 for 75cl.

Gateway/Somerfield: fresh lean beef mince £1.48 a lb; chicken and broccoli pie £1.19; mushrooms 96p a lb.

Co-op: fresh minced turkey £1.19 for 340g; smoked mackerel fillet £1.29 a lb; Rose d'Anjou £2.99 for 1.5ltr.

Harrods: carrot, cauliflower and leek terrines £1.85 for ¼ lb; Mimolette £8.80 a lb.

Iceland: 4 chilli quarter pounders £1.29; prawns £2.99 for 400g; apple pie 99p.

Safeway: lamb loin chops £2.69 a lb; traditional red Leicester £1.89 a lb; double treat yogurt 27p for 175g.

Sainsbury: beef top rump £3.58 a lb; fresh Grade A whole chicken £2.38 for 3lb 9oz; Birds Eye Garden peas 99p for 2lb; Majestic Alabama Fudge cake 99p; conference pears 39p a lb.

Tesco: venison steaks £3.49 for 340g; fresh whole gutted trout £1.88 a lb; Italia seeded grapes 44p a lb; Hungarian Merlot £2.49 for 75cl.

Waitrose: British whole shoulder of lamb 99p a lb; skate wings £2.29 a lb; grapefruit marmalade 65p for 1lb.

Hampstead to debate Kenwood's future

BY ALAN HAMILTON

ENGLISH Heritage has invited a public debate on its controversial plan to alter the landscape of Kenwood, the 112-acre estate in Hampstead, north London, which hosts a regular series of summer open-air concerts.

Such has been the level of objection from residents that a seven-week moratorium has been called on tree-felling to allow opponents of the scheme to offer alternative plans. Jocelyn Stevens, chairman of English Heritage, said yesterday that Kenwood was one of the capital's most beautiful landscapes and those who cared about it ought to be involved in decisions affecting its future.

Explanatory booklets and questionnaires are being distributed to residents, who have until 11 November to voice their objections and offer alternative proposals.

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Holiday sales down 10% as discount deals fall flat

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

SALES of holidays for next summer are 10 per cent down on the comparative figure for this year despite the travel industry's unusually prolonged and costly campaign to attract early bookings.

Analysts describe last month's brochure launches as "a mess", and travel agents claim that many holidaymakers missed the deadline for a 15 per cent early booking discount because they were still on this year's summer holiday.

Russell Amerasekera, head of communications at the travel agent Thomas Cook, said that sales by Christmas would be 8-10 per cent lower than last year. "There was no clean break between this summer and next and consumers were confused by all the deals on offer. The industry has effectively shot itself in the foot. Operators will now be looking carefully at their strategy for the key post-Christmas booking period."

Charles Newbold, managing director of Thomson, the leading tour operator, admitted that people were unlikely to buy next year's holiday if they had not yet been away, but said he was happy with the launch. "Yes, we missed people who were out of the country but we attracted those who took their holidays in May and June. This year's early sales were not expected to match last year because it was unusually high."

Brochure prices are likely to be reduced after Christmas and travel agents will again offer discounts. Thomas Cook predicts that the market will grow by more than 5 per cent in summer 1995, bringing the number of people taking an overseas package to between nine and ten million.

Alasdair McNee, leisure analyst with the stockbrokers Yamaichi, described the scramble to launch early as "a mess". He said: "The industry is now so competitive that the three major tour operators all brought the launch date for their summer 1995 brochures forward by several weeks and this meant travel agents had to sell three products at once — summer 1994, winter 1994 and summer 1995.

"Companies were constantly trying to outguess each other and were scared to be left behind, with good reason. They work on high volumes and fairly small margins, and failing to sell 100,000 holidays with a profit of £10 on each would make a significant difference to operating costs."

However, Mr Newbold blames continuing financial caution among consumers for the drop in sales. "This is to do with people not knowing whether the recession is over and not to do with the way the brochures were launched."

DAVID CAIRNS



Barry Douglas-Sherwood, last keeper of the Needles lighthouse, keeps a weather eye out from his lonely perch a mile from the western tip of the Isle of Wight

Lighthouse day trips are blown off course

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

AMBITIOUS plans to take tourists to a remote lighthouse frequently buffeted by gales and high seas have been criticised by its keepers, who say the crossing is too dangerous.

Isle of Wight County Council wants to turn the 136-year-old Needles lighthouse into a day-trippers' attraction once it has been automated. The last keepers are due to leave the lighthouse, one mile off the island's western tip, on November 24. They will be replaced by computers.

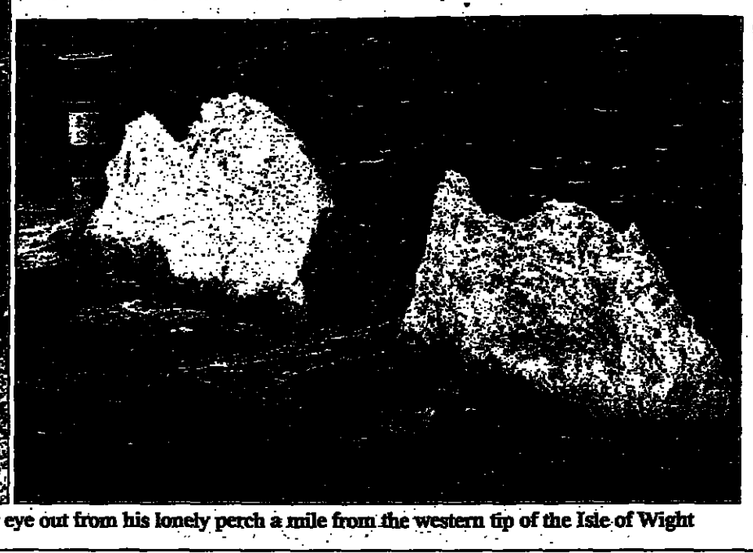
However, the county council is writing to Trinity House in London to suggest that thousands of people could be encouraged to visit it. The council also wants the tower listed because of "its historic and architectural" importance.

Morris Barton, the Liberal Democrat council leader, said: "This is one of the best known buildings around the coast and there are hundreds of thousands of people who would want to see it. It could become a major tourist attraction." Earlier this year, Mr Barton tried to form a trust to buy the Royal Yacht *Britannia* as a floating museum and cruise ship.

He added: "The Needles lighthouse is as much a part of our national heritage as the *Britannia*. I am sure its future role as an automatic seamark for shipping can be accommodated as a tourist attraction. Problems over getting to it can be overcome with the right passenger ship."

Howard Cooper, of Trinity House, said the seas around the Needles rocks were far too rough. "Relief trips to change keepers and bring new supplies are frequently cancelled because the weather is too bad. This is the first we have heard of the proposals and they are not practical. The only humans who go there in future will be mechanics to check and service the equipment."

One of the Needles keepers added: "Lighthouses are usually sited in areas of hazardous navigation and in regions where it is dangerous for shipping. The winds are so strong they go right off the scale and the sea swells can last for days."



Street name angers residents

HOME owners on a new estate are fighting a proposal to name it after a parish councillor who opposed the development.

The district council will not change its mind so the residents have asked North Avon magistrates to use their traditional power of arbitration next month.

All 19 residents of the estate at Winterbourne, a suburb of Bristol, some of whom helped to build their £150,000 homes, object to it being called after John Anstey, 75, who opposed the site on the basis that it was too near a railway.

The residents were asked to suggest names but Winterbourne Parish Council recommended John Anstey Close to commemorate his 33 years of service to the community, and North Avon District Council decided on Anstey Close.

A resident, Gail Clegg, 27, said: "I can't believe the parish council can be so insensitive." The district council said: "Within days of posting a notice asking for any objections, we received objections from every resident."

Mr Anstey, who retired as a councillor in June, said: "If the parish council wish to name a road after me, then I am not going to complain and I am certainly not going to feel guilty."

Vengeful boy set fire to grandfather's home

A BOY aged 12 tried to kill his grandfather by setting fire to his flat because the man had forgotten to buy him a birthday present.

The boy poured petrol over the only door to the flat and put a match to it after a birthday visit to his grandfather, Stafford Youth Court was told yesterday. The door exploded and choking smoke filled the flat. The 63-year-old grandfather, who suffers from bronchitis, fought the blaze with bowls of water.

The boy was convicted of arson with intent to endanger life and was placed under supervision for three years, with a 90-day residence order. His parents were also ordered to pay £150 costs and £150 for damage to the flat.

Buses show on-board video

MORE than 800 buses serving towns in the Midlands and the North of England are to be equipped with video screens showing short programmes and carrying advertisements (Alexandra Frean writes).

The initiative, called Topps (The Original Passenger Programme Show), is yet another example of the advertising industry's determination to find new captive audiences. The screens will be introduced next month on buses operated by five companies in Manchester, Leicestershire and the Midlands.

British Bus, which runs 4,000 buses throughout the country and which commissioned the Topps project, hopes the innovation will also encourage more people to travel by bus.

During a trial at Telford last year it emerged that certain bus drivers preferred driving the Topps bus because it made passengers quieter and more docile. More than 80 per cent of people said that they watched the screen and most said they found it absorbing.

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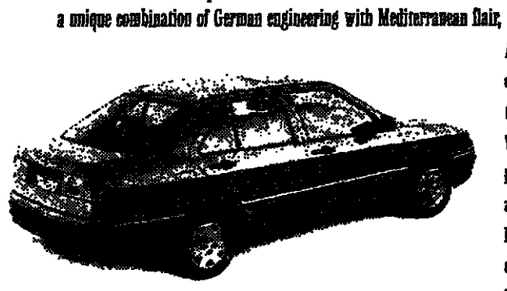
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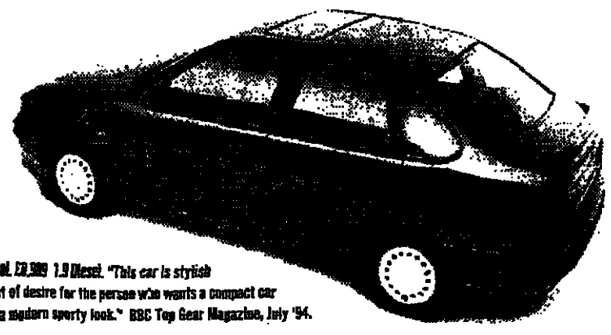
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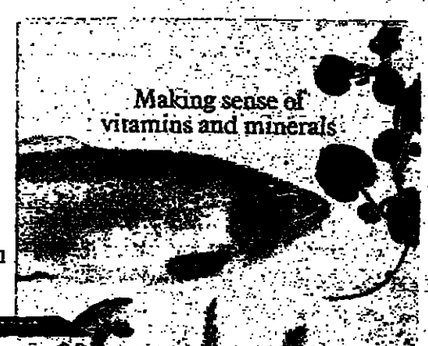
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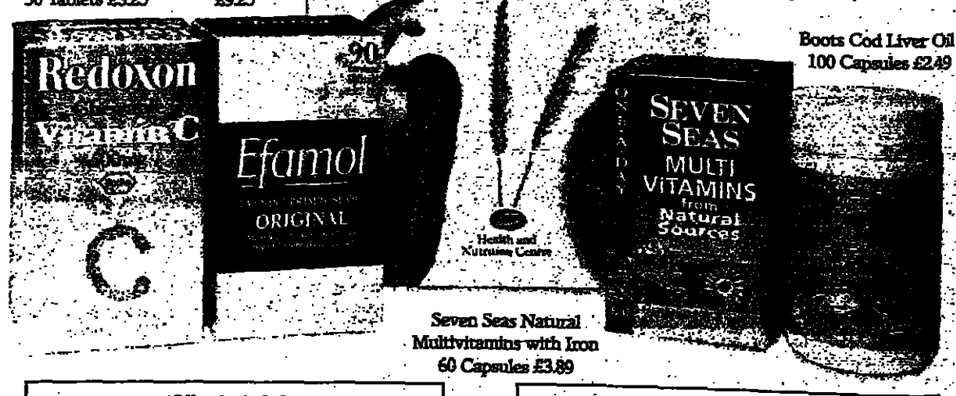
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Scotland's hunting, fishing and shooting set condemned as parasites and spongers

Nationalists want 'deer poll tax' on rich landowners

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

THE Scottish National Party voted yesterday for a poll tax on deer to be levied on wealthy landowners who let herds roam out of control on the Scottish hills.

In one of the most radical debates of the conference in Inverness so far, delegates mounted a savage attack on the landowning classes. One delegate said he would be happy to see them bankrupted in an independent Scotland. The hunting, shooting and fishing brigade were called "the biggest spongers in Britain".

Maureen Watt, the SNP's spokeswoman on agriculture, fishing and forestry, proposed a motion condemning landowners who had "mismanaged herds to the extent that one-third of the deer population now requires to be culled in order to prevent further damage to Scotland's uplands".

She painted a picture of herds of hungry deer roaming the hills, eating every seedling and often dying during the winters. She condemned landowners whose only concern was for the income from stag hunts.

"Those who need benefits in our society are facing cuts. Yet these wealthy landowners are given huge handouts. They are the biggest spongers in Britain," she said. "It just goes to show that you can get subsidies from this government if you ask for them with a plum in your mouth."

Ronald Cameron of the Brechin branch, seconding the motion, said: "If you believe the voluntary system for culling can survive then close your eyes and say, 'I believe in fairies'."

Charles Douglas of the Glenkens branch amended the resolution by stating that the Land Commission would be asked to set deer quotas for each estate and any excess deer would be "charged a deer poll tax".

He added: "There are only two ways to make landowners do anything. That is either to bribe them or to punish them financially. I believe you have to take a tough line with them. I am fed up with the huge handouts being given to landowners to try to induce them to do something they should be doing anyway."

Mr Douglas said he believed in levying a "poll tax" of about £1,000 per deer. The benefit of this system was that the onus was on the taxpayer to provide the relevant information. He said that he would gladly see the landowners bankrupted and the estates closed down if they failed to pay up.

"The deer poll tax has one major difference to a human poll tax," he said. "The people on whom it is levied, the owners of the estates, have the ability to pay."

Earlier Dr Malcolm Kerr of the Isle of Arran branch told the conference that "people who wore tweeds and carried guns" were "parasites".

Iain Morrison from Inverness said that visitors who came to Scotland, not for the hospitality or to meet the people, but to shoot wildlife, were unwelcome. "There is a question of the estates themselves. Should they be there, who controls them and who sets the wages of the workers?" he asked. The amended resolution was passed unanimously.

The conference also voted in favour of Scotland becoming an independent member of the European Union, sending food and medicine to the Kurds, and giving tax breaks to the Scottish film industry.



Not welcome: delegates said those who want only to kill wildlife should stay away

Lib Dems reflect on turbulent week

BY JONATHAN PRYNN AND ARTHUR LEATHLEY

THE Liberal Democrats left Brighton in pensive mood yesterday after their most turbulent party conference since they elected Paddy Ashdown their leader in 1988.

Some delegates said they feared the reaction of their local parties to the high-profile defeats inflicted on Mr Ashdown over legalising cannabis and the minimum wage.

"The best that can be said is that at least we got this conference out of the way two years away from an election," one Midlands delegate said.

Another activist, Joe Nunes from Cambridge, said: "We had the chance to enjoy some debates this year, which is probably as well because we won't get the same freedom next year."

They also remained uneasy about the soaring popularity of Tony Blair, and deeply suspicious of any moves to forge closer links with Labour.

Ian Wright from Mid-Worcestershire said: "A lot of people came here expecting a victory celebration after the local and European elections but to some extent the wind has been taken out of our sails by what's happened in the Labour party." Mark Payne from Greenwich, said: "There has been a changed atmosphere with Labour becoming more electable."

Most delegates opposed any deal with Labour and insisted that the party pursue its own path. "Equidistance is irrelevant," James Gould from Hereford said. "It is more important what our policies are and how to get them implemented. We are not desperate for power at any cost."

Many delegates insisted that the conference had been a success, having shown a willingness to tackle politically sensitive issues such as legalisation of cannabis and abolition of the monarchy.

"We are the only party that lets the people set the agenda, not the politicians," said James Hodgson from the party's Southampton branch. "We have talked about the issues the other parties are afraid to discuss."

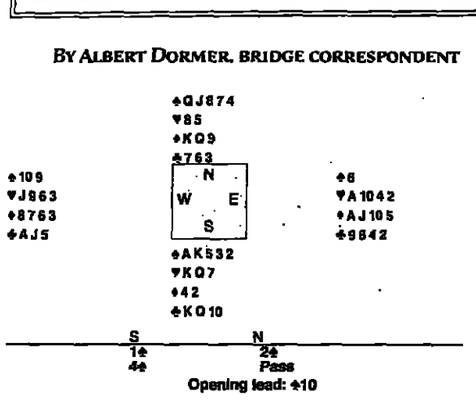
Dawn Davidson, from Lewes, added: "The younger members injected a bit more life into the debates and that must be good for us. We had got a bit staid and now we've got some razzamatazz."



DORMER on BRIDGE

BY ALBERT DORMER, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT





On the second round South jumps to game because a rebid of 3♠ would be merely defensive. What is the safest line of play?

Solution: The problem is to avoid losing two tricks in clubs. Suppose that you win the first trick in your own hand and lead a diamond to the king. East returns the ♠9 and if West is on the ball he will allow your king to hold. Now the contract is in jeopardy, for when East gets in, the defenders will be able to cash a fatal number of tricks.

It is better to win the opening lead in dummy and lead a heart. With the ace favourably placed, you can make two heart tricks, obtaining a discard for a club.

Now suppose that West has the ♥A. He cannot profitably attack the clubs from his side, so there will still be time to play East for the ♦A.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Black day

The first round of the world championship semi-finals in Linares, Spain, saw losses for Britain's Nigel Short and Michael Adams. Short was outplayed in the opening.

White: Gata Kamsky
Black: Nigel Short

Queen's Gambit Accepted

1	d4	d5
2	c4	dxc4
3	e4	e5
4	Nf3	Bb4+
5	Nc3	exd4
6	Nxd4	Ne7
7	Bxc4	Nbc6
8	Be3	0-0
9	a3	Bxc3+
10	bxc3	Na5
11	Be2	b6
12	0-0	Bb7
13	Qc2	Qe8
14	Rad1	Rd8
15	Bf4	Ng6
16	Bxc7	Bxe4
17	Qb2	Rxd4
18	cxd4	Bxg2
19	Kxg2	Qc6+
20	d5	Qxc7
21	d6	Qb7+
22	f3	Rd8
23	Kh1	Nf8
24	Rg1	g6
25	Rg5	Qb8
26	Qf6	Nd7
27	Qf4	Nc5
28	Rgd5	a6
29	Bf1	Nab7
30	Bh3	Re8
31	Re5	Rf8
32	Re7	Nd8
33	Qf6	Nc6
34	Re3	Qd8
35	Qxd8	Rxd8
36	d7	Kf8
37	Rd6	Na5
38	Rxb6	Nxd7
39	Rxa6	Nc4
40	Rd3	f5
41	f4	Ke7
42	Rc6	Ncb6
43	Bg2	Rb8
44	Rc7	Kd8
45	Rcxd7+	Black resigns

Adams survived a dubious opening to reach a balanced position against Anand but then blundered on move 30, recapturing a bishop with the wrong rook. He had overlooked Anand's devastating tactical shot 32 Bd5, which breaks the connection between the black rooks.

White: Viswanathan Anand
Black: Michael Adams

Alekhine's Defence

1. e4	Nf6	
2	e5	Nd5
3	d4	d6
4	Nf3	dxe5
5	Nxe5	g6
6	g3	Bg7
7	Bg2	0-0
8	0-0	c6
9	Re1	Bf5
10	c3	Nd7
11	Nf3	Re8
12	Nbd2	N7f6
13	Nc4	Qc7
14	Nce5	Ng4
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16	Nxd5	gxf5
17	dxe5	e6
18	Qe2	Ne7
19	f4	Nd5
20	c4	Ne7
21	Be3	Rad8
22	b4	Rd7
23	Qf2	Nc8
24	a4	Red8
25	a5	f6
26	exf6	Bxf6
27	Rab1	Bc3
28	Rf1	Rd3
29	Kh1	Bd4
30	Bxd4	R3xd4
31	Rfe1	Qf7
32	Bd5	Qg7
33	Re5	R4xd5
34	cxd5	cxd5
35	g4	Ne7
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38	Rbe1	Kf8
39	f5	Black resigns

Diagram of final position

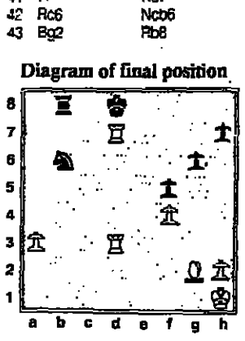
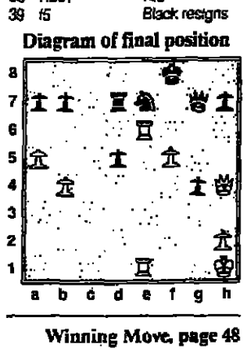


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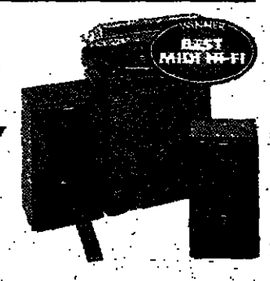


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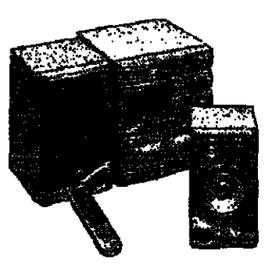
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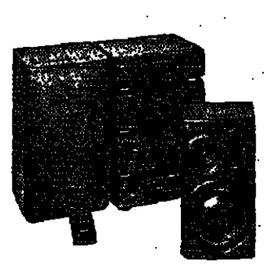
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Ashdown promises power to the people

By Nicholas Wood
Chief Political Correspondent

THE promise of a "peaceful revolution", the biggest upheaval in the British system of government for nearly two centuries, will form the core of the Liberal Democrat campaign at the next election, Paddy Ashdown said yesterday.

The Liberal Democrat leader insisted that his party's plans for constitutional reform would transform the country, returning power to the people and restoring faith in the political system.

In his speech at the end of the party conference he said: "People don't always realise how deep is the change which we seek. What we are fighting for is nothing less than a peaceful revolution — the most fundamental turn-around in our politics since the Great Reform Act of 1832.

"Our aim is nothing less than to overthrow the paternalism which has ruled the destinies of the British people under both Conservative and Labour. To shatter a system which presumes that governments know best — and replace it with the dangerous and dynamic doctrine that it is people who know best."

He highlighted plans for proportional representation in the Commons, "home rule" for Scotland, a Welsh "Senedd" or assembly, replacing the House of Lords with an elected upper chamber, and regional assemblies in England. "It is time for Britain's democratic revolution," he said. "It is time to dismantle much of the central state. It is time to put power back where it belongs, in the towns, in the cities, in the regions and in the nations of the United Kingdom . . .

"There can be no regeneration of Britain unless people take back from the system the power that is rightfully theirs. The historic role of this party is to make that possible." Mr Ashdown also sought to sharpen his party's policies on taxation, public spending and Europe. Attacking the Tories, he said that the "sole aim of government policy is not to fund investment in Britain for the next century, but to fund tax cuts to save Conservative jobs at the next election."

But after the Tory "betrayal", the public was wary of the promises of all politicians. The Liberal Democrats would go into the next election with a "menu with prices" setting out how spending commitments would be paid for. Mr Ashdown said his "would not be a high-tax party but a fair-tax party".

On Europe, he said that the party would consult the British people after setting out its proposals for a separation of powers between the various tiers of government. John Major should do likewise. "Our future in Europe is far too important to be treated as a private quarrel within the Conservative party."

But the underlying message of Mr Ashdown's speech was an appeal for Labour to make "common cause" with the Liberal Democrats. The price for a deal was a Labour commitment to PR.

The House of Commons was in urgent need of reform being still dominated by "white men in grey suits". It was out of date and out of touch with the people it was supposed to serve.

"But watch Labour in the Commons and you will see they love it just as much as the Conservatives. The Labour Party want to inherit the Commons, not change it.

"So let it be the Liberal Democrats who make it clear in our next manifesto that we are determined to drag the House of Commons, kicking and screaming if necessary, out of the last century and into the next."

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TONY WHITE



Mr Ashdown on the conference platform with MP Diane Maddock and party president Robert Maclennan

Clear aim behind the coded message

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

There is nothing worse in politics than to be ignored, yet that is likely to be Paddy Ashdown's fate in the short term. But so it is with all third party leaders. They can seldom make the political weather. Their conferences are like light canapés quickly forgotten as the political world turns to the more filling fare of the Labour and Tory conferences.

But for all the studied indifference yesterday of Tony Blair's office towards Mr Ashdown's speech, Labour leaders were interested in what happened in Brighton. The Liberal Democrat vote, still 17 to 18 per cent even after the Blair honeymoon, could have a big effect on the other parties at the next election. And, if no party has an overall majority then, the Liberal Democrats could be important players afterwards.

In Brighton, Mr Ashdown abandoned the traditional policy of equidistance between the Tories and Labour. But party activists showed that they have yet to come to terms with adopting such a consistent national strategy as opposed to a series of often inconsistent local strategies.

The resulting tensions, and occasional revolts, made many of the old SDP group within the party frustrated, especially as their hopes have been raised by Mr Blair. In many respects, this week marked the eclipse of the old SDP with the Liberal side of the party becoming dominant.

Mr Ashdown has sought to reconcile these differences, not always comfortably. His speech yesterday was coded. He wanted to reassure activists about the party's distinctive identity. There was no hint of how relations with Labour might become closer, apart from the stress on "fair votes". But reporters' attention was quickly drawn to key phrases such as making "common cause" with others. Mr Ashdown's aim is clear: to be part of a post-Tory Government pushing an agenda of constitutional and economic reform. This means some deal with Mr Blair. But Mr Ashdown cannot say so yet for fear of splitting his party. So his tactics are gradualist, sending out friendly signals and hoping for similar gestures from Labour in return. This is linked with his overdue, drive to tighten up the party's tax and spending commitments.

There is no reason for Mr Blair to respond. His priority is permanently to attract back to Labour those voters who deserted the party after 1979. He needs to be friendly towards such voters, rather than to attack their current party. Moreover, as one Labour MP said yesterday, the Liberal Democrats are the Wessex wing of his party, able to win votes in areas where Labour is a distant third. In other, mainly urban, areas where the Liberal Democrats are challenging Labour, hostilities will continue.

If the battle for Liberal Democrat votes is real and crucial, the debates about post-election deals remain hypothetical and conditional. They only matter if no party wins an overall majority. The musings this week of Mr Ashdown and his colleagues about Lab-Libbery mainly represent their hopes and dreams. But just as Mr Ashdown yesterday presented the Liberal Democrats as an insurance against "the candyfloss visions and candy-stick promises" of a Labour Government that turn sour, so Mr Blair can regard the Liberal Democrats as an insurance against a hung parliament. This week's remarks could then matter.

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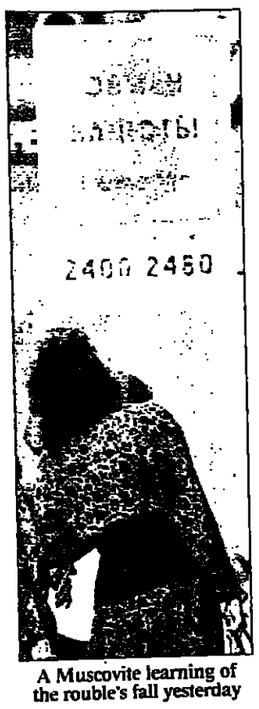
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Yeltsin leaves begging bowl behind for Western talks

Moscow chases trade dollars

By Richard Beeston in Moscow and Michael Binyon, Diplomatic Editor



A Muscovite learning of the rouble's fall yesterday

A YEAR after street fighting threatened to plunge Russia into civil war, the only sign of conflict in central Moscow today is the race for prestige office space between rival Russian and Western companies.

Although it would have been unthinkable to imagine an economic upturn so soon after tanks went into action against the parliament building, Moscow has displayed an uncanny ability to recover its composure and put its bloody past to one side.

For the first time since he came to power three years ago, President Yeltsin can set off this weekend for his trip to Britain and America in the knowledge that he does not need Western aid to see him through the winter.

The Russian leader is planning to discuss several international questions with John Major at Chequers tomorrow and with President Clinton at the White House next week. While Bosnia, Haiti, arms control and next year's 50th anniversary of VE Day are scheduled, the question of a stand-by loan from the International Monetary Fund, worth about £3 billion, will not be decided until later in the year. Rather than handouts, Mr Yeltsin is hoping that foreign investment in Russia, worth $5 billion (£3.2 billion) last year, will balloon after the Queen's visit to Moscow next month, and President Clinton's decision to lift the last Cold War-era trade barrier with the Kremlin — the 1974 Jackson-Vanik amendment.

> Perceptions of Russia as a destitute country on the verge of collapse are wrong

"Russia is not asking for money," Mr Yeltsin declared in Naples at a joint press conference with President Clinton during July's Group of Seven summit of leading industrialised countries. "We ask only for equal terms and we are ready to trade with everyone."

Western economists agree that Russia is now in a better position to expand trade with the West, and that the market reforms have reached a point where they cannot now be reversed. Anders Aslund, a senior research fellow at the Carnegie Endowment studying Russia's market transformation, writes in the current issue of *Foreign Affairs* that Western perceptions of Russia "as a destitute country on the verge of collapse or falling into the hands of fascists could not be more wrong". What has particularly impressed economists is the slow but steady stabilisation of the economy, which in turn has calmed the political climate and eroded support for hardline nationalists and communists in the opposition.

Despite the optimistic assessment, Western investors are still hesitant to put in the large capital required, mainly because of the lack of a proper legal framework and worries about mafia crime and extortion. The rapid fluctuations in the rouble have also made it hard to calculate profit margins.

The rouble fell 5 per cent yesterday to an all-time low of 2,460 to the dollar. It was the sharpest drop since January, and caused turmoil on the flourishing Russian interbank market, where the rouble is internally convertible. Dealers said that the central bank was deliberately letting the currency slide to help exporters.

"While no country's road to reform is smooth and trouble-free, Russia's reform programme has produced some impressive results," said David Mulford, the chairman of Credit Suisse First Boston, which this month became the latest Western bank to open new offices in central Moscow.

☐ **Doubt over deal:** A $7 billion (£4.4 billion) project between Azerbaijan and a consortium of oil companies, led by British Petroleum, to develop offshore fields was thrown into doubt as Russia reiterated its claim to joint control over Caspian Sea resources. *(Reuter)*



President Yeltsin greeting Viktor Chernomyrdin, his Prime Minister

Kremlin embraces tradition with close encounters

By Richard Beeston

When John Major extends his hand to welcome President Yeltsin to Chequers tomorrow, he should not be surprised to find himself clasped in a Russian bear hug and assaulted by a succession of kisses.

A decade after the communist-style greeting seemed to be on its way out with other frappings of Soviet rule, Kremlin kissing is definitely back in fashion in Russia today. No one in high office is safe from the manly embrace. The latest international victim was Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, who watched helplessly in Berlin recently as his Russian guest, overcome with emotion and champagne toasts, landed one kiss after another on his large jowly cheeks.

In Russia, the return of the kiss is being interpreted as confirmation of what many Kremlin watchers had long feared, the renaissance of the peculiar traditions established during the long reign of Leonid Brezhnev. The bushy-browed former Soviet chief was particularly fond of embracing his fellow communist bigwigs, and on one occasion insisted on kissing every member of his Politburo after they approved sending troops into Afghanistan.

Brezhnev even extended the greeting to some capitalists. Standing on tiptoes he stretched to smooch a bemused Burt Lancaster. After signing the Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (Salt), he fondly embraced Jimmy Carter, then the American President, whose re-election hopes nosedived when pictures appeared in the US press.

What makes the kissing comeback such a worry for Russians is that President Yelsin's rule seems to have taken on other aspects of a period best remembered for stagnation, bloated bureaucracy and rich pickings for a corrupt ruling class.

While Mr Yeltsin came to power on a wave of populist support, carefully nurtured by appealing directly to the people, and on some occasions even taking public transport, three years cloistered behind the red-brick walls of the Kremlin have definitely altered the way he views his fellow Russians.

"The comparisons between Brezhnev and Yeltsin are really quite startling," said Leonid Parfyonov, a popular television show host and author of a book about the habits and foibles of the former Soviet elite. "The kissing was the first hint. Now we see the old-style bureaucracy growing. And for the first time in years, the Kremlin is ordering a new model Zil [a stretch limousine] to be built. If anything he has gone beyond the communist model. He is the new Tsar."

His comparison appeared complete last month when Mr Yeltsin embarked on Brezhnev's former luxury cruiser *Rossiya* for a regal boat trip down the Volga river. Before leaving, he reinstated another ancient ritual; all leading members of the government lined up obediently to see him off.

Russians will be watching with keen interest how their leader responds to the Queen's visit to Moscow next month. The suspicion is that Tsar Boris, rather than President Yeltsin, will be the one to greet her at the Kremlin banquet.

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UN ready to soften Belgrade sanctions

Germany and Japan win Hurd backing

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UN ready to soften Belgrade sanctions

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE United Nations Security Council plans today to authorise the first relaxation of sanctions on the Serb-led rump of Yugoslavia since the beginning of the Bosnian war.

Council members will adopt a resolution allowing the resumption of passenger flights to Belgrade, the Serb capital, and ending the ban on sporting and cultural links with the rump state. At the same time, the council will tighten sanctions on the Bosnian Serbs by banning travel by their leaders and prohibiting any political contacts with them.

In Sarajevo yesterday, a French UN peacekeeper was wounded when Bosnian Serb forces fired a grenade at a UN armoured vehicle. The UN vehicle had been monitoring a battle between Serb and Muslim-led government forces.

The easing of sanctions on Belgrade is intended to reward President Milosevic of Serbia for his decision to close the Bosnian border to all but humanitarian supplies, in an effort to force the Bosnian Serbs to accept the peace plan drawn up by the five-nation Contact Group.

The ban on commerical flights and sporting and cultural ties will be lifted as soon as international monitors report that the Bosnian border is effectively sealed, and it will remain in abeyance for an initial period of 100 days. However, the sanctions on Serbia and Montenegro will be reimposed automatically within five days if monitors report that the border has reopened.

The relaxation represents the first significant victory by Mr Milosevic in his long-running effort to convince the international community that Belgrade is not responsible for the war being waged by Serbs in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Despite reservations, the Contact Group — Britain, France, Germany, Russia and America — agreed to loosen the economic noose around the rump Yugoslavia in an effort to rescue its plan to divide Bosnia 49-51 per cent between the Serbs and the Muslim-Croat alliance. The group also agreed to shelve plans for more financial sanctions that would have jeopardised the economic stabilisation programme in the rump Yugoslavia and revived hyper-inflation.

European diplomats believe Mr Milosevic has so much to gain from a peace pact in Bosnia that he is willing to force Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, to accept it or to remove him from power. The diplomats say Russia is already signalling that Mr Milosevic will seek a immediate suspension of all the remaining UN sanctions if he can make the Bosnian Serbs sign the peace deal, rather than waiting for them to implement the plan by relinquishing territory.

The 300-mile border between Bosnia and the rump Yugoslavia will be monitored by 130 civilian observers acting under the auspices of the International Conference on the former Yugoslavia, chaired by Lord Owen and Thorvald Stoltenberg.

In a report to the Security Council this week, Mr Stoltenberg said the monitors had been guaranteed full freedom of movement and would work in pairs, each with a driver and an interpreter, to monitor particular sections of the frontier. The monitors are expected to report on the borders next week.

A spokesman for the Bosnian Serbs said yesterday that they had removed banned artillery from the weapons exclusion zone around Sarajevo after they were threatened with Nato air strikes. The spokesman in Pale, the Bosnian Serb "capital", said that the last three guns were removed on Wednesday night.

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Milosevic: reward for ban on Bosnian Serbs

Rasmussen starts to build new coalition

FROM CHRISTOPHER FOLLETT IN COPENHAGEN

AFTER consultations with Queen Margrethe, and with the support of parties commanding a majority in the Copenhagen parliament, Poul Nyrup Rasmussen, the Danish Social Democrat Prime Minister, embarked yesterday on the task of putting together a new centre-left minority coalition government.

In the wake of Wednesday's rather "muddy" general election result, he indicated on leaving the palace after presenting his resignation to the Queen that he expected to set up a new, three-party Social Democrat-led minority administration by next week after negotiations with the Centre Democrats and the Radical Liberals, two partners in his outgoing four-party coalition. Mr Rasmussen is certain to be able to continue in power because he not only has the support of the two centre parties from his first 20-month-old government, but the far-left opposition, the Socialist People's Party, formerly an offshoot of the now-defunct Danish Communist Party, and the anti-establishment, anti-Europe Unity List, have also pledged him their backing. The Unity List, a motley red-green grouping, came into parliament for the first time after this week's elections.

As well as Mr Rasmussen losing his majority, one of his partners in the old coalition, the Christian Democrats, failed to gain representation. The big winner was the opposition right-wing Liberal Party led by Uffe Ellemann-Jensen, a former Foreign Minister. But its advance — it became the second biggest party — was not sufficient for it and the Conservatives to oust Mr Rasmussen.

The election left the Prime Minister and his Centre Democrat and Radical Liberal allies with a total of 76 seats in the 179-seat parliament. One result of the poll was the return of a television comedian as Denmark's first independent MP. Jacob Haugaard's campaign promised shorter supermarket queues, better weather, nicer Christmas presents, a following wind for cyclists, and the right of men to be impotent.



Rasmussen leaving the palace yesterday



Uffe Ellemann-Jensen celebrating his Liberal Party's gains

American trip by the Pope delayed

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

THE Pope has put off a visit to the United States and the United Nations until November next year to allow him more time to recover from surgery for a broken leg. He was due to address the General Assembly next month.

Joaquin Navarro-Valls, the chief Vatican spokesman, said yesterday the postponement was to enable the 74-year-old Roman Catholic leader to continue with physiotherapy after his bone replacement operation in April. He spent a month in hospital after he slipped in his bath at the Vatican and broke his right thigh bone on April 28. It was his second fall in six months.

The cancellation inevitably fuelled speculation that the 16-year-old papacy is waning. The Vatican has denied reports that the Pope, who has appeared more frail in past months, had bone cancer, Parkinson's disease or suffered from fainting spells.

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Costa gun dealer accused

Madrid: The Spanish public prosecutor has demanded 29 years' jail for Monzer al-Kassar, 49, a Syrian arms dealer who lives on the Costa del Sol. Mr al-Kassar is accused of supplying money and arms to Palestinians who hijacked the Italian liner *Achille Lauro* in 1985. He is presently on £5 million bail.

Final honour

Magdeburg: The bodies of more than 200 Italian prisoners who died in east Germany during the Second World War are being repatriated after lying buried under army training grounds for 50 years. *(AP)*

Fakes seized

Rome: Italian police smashed a forgery ring and seized more than 800 copies of works by artists including Salvador Dali and Amedeo Modigliani. About 13 people are under investigation. *(Reuter)*

Bribe inquiry

Paris: A third French Cabinet member, Michèle Alliot-Marie, Youth and Sports Minister, is under investigation for corruption, *Le Parisien* reported. She maintains that she is innocent. *(Reuter)*

Town razed

Algiers: An armed gang razed all government buildings in the Algerian town of Tablat in a raid this week and fled before security forces arrived, *El Watan* newspaper said. *(AFP)*

Couple's wrath

Munich: A middle-aged German and his Swedish wife, apparently angered by noise from military training manoeuvres south of here, fired at a US army vehicle. *(Reuter)*

Germany and Japan win Hurd backing

FROM MATTHEW BEARD IN BONN

DOUGLAS Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, has declared Britain's support for Germany and Japan to become permanent members of the United Nations Security Council, with the green light to be given to both countries next year, the 50th anniversary of the UN.

In an interview published yesterday in the German financial daily *Handelsblatt*, Mr Hurd said the two nations could count on British advocacy now that they have improved their credentials for a seat on the Security Council.

In July, Germany resolved constitutional issues meaning that after decades of post-war military restraint it is now free to dispatch its troops on global missions under the UN mandate. Japan's recent decision to send soldiers to help the humanitarian mission in Rwanda had improved its candidacy for one of the two permanent Security Council seats available, Mr Hurd said.

However, he pointed out that the discussion could be drawn out as other countries vie for a position within the policy-making inner sanctum of the UN, which currently consists of Britain, France, China, Russia and America. Mr Hurd also told *Handelsblatt* that Britain would be willing to support the reform of the European Commission to slim down the EU's executive arm by reducing the number of commissioners.

☐ **Delhi:** Baroness Thatcher criticised the UN yesterday for failing to impose peace in trouble spots, and called on Nato to spread its protection wider. She said India — not Germany or Japan — should have first claim to any new Security Council seat. *(Reuter)*

Curtain drawn over Haiti's brutalities as General Cédras parades family image



Lieutenant-General Raoul Cédras relaxing with Christian, his younger son



Haiti's leader at breakfast with his family, from front left, Christian; Jacquine ("Yannick"), his wife; Michaela, his daughter; and Oliver, his elder son

Beef and cheesecake for smiling dictator

FROM TOM RHODES IN PORT-AU-PRINCE

A small dinner party was held this week at the Cédras home in Péguyville, a hillside residential district of Port-au-Prince, the Haitian capital. It was largely a family affair with Raoul and his wife, Yannick, playing host to their closest relatives and friends, including Brigadier-General Philippe Biamby, the Haitian Chief of Staff, who was celebrating his birthday three days after the arrival of American forces.

The guests gathered in the spacious sitting room to meet Lieutenant-General Cédras before saying goodnight to his three children, and then sat down to a dinner of crab, fillet of beef and cheesecake, all prepared by Mrs Cédras. She never took her eyes off the husband, who has been described as one of the most brutal leaders in the Western hemisphere. There was much laughing, joking and talk about the children who General Cédras said he had never beaten, although he worried that they had no idea of real discipline.

"My wife handles that department," he smilingly told one foreign guest, who had said it was clear that Mrs Cédras, in the tradition of so many Haitian women, is very much the matriarch. She defers to her husband, but is always willing to offer her own opinions, although she will never outshine him in front of others.

Yannick Cédras, said by former President Carter to be one of the toughest women he has met, has been variously described as Lady Macbeth and Imelda Marcos; rather than shoes, however, she is said to have a penchant for Louis Vuitton luggage bought in Miami.

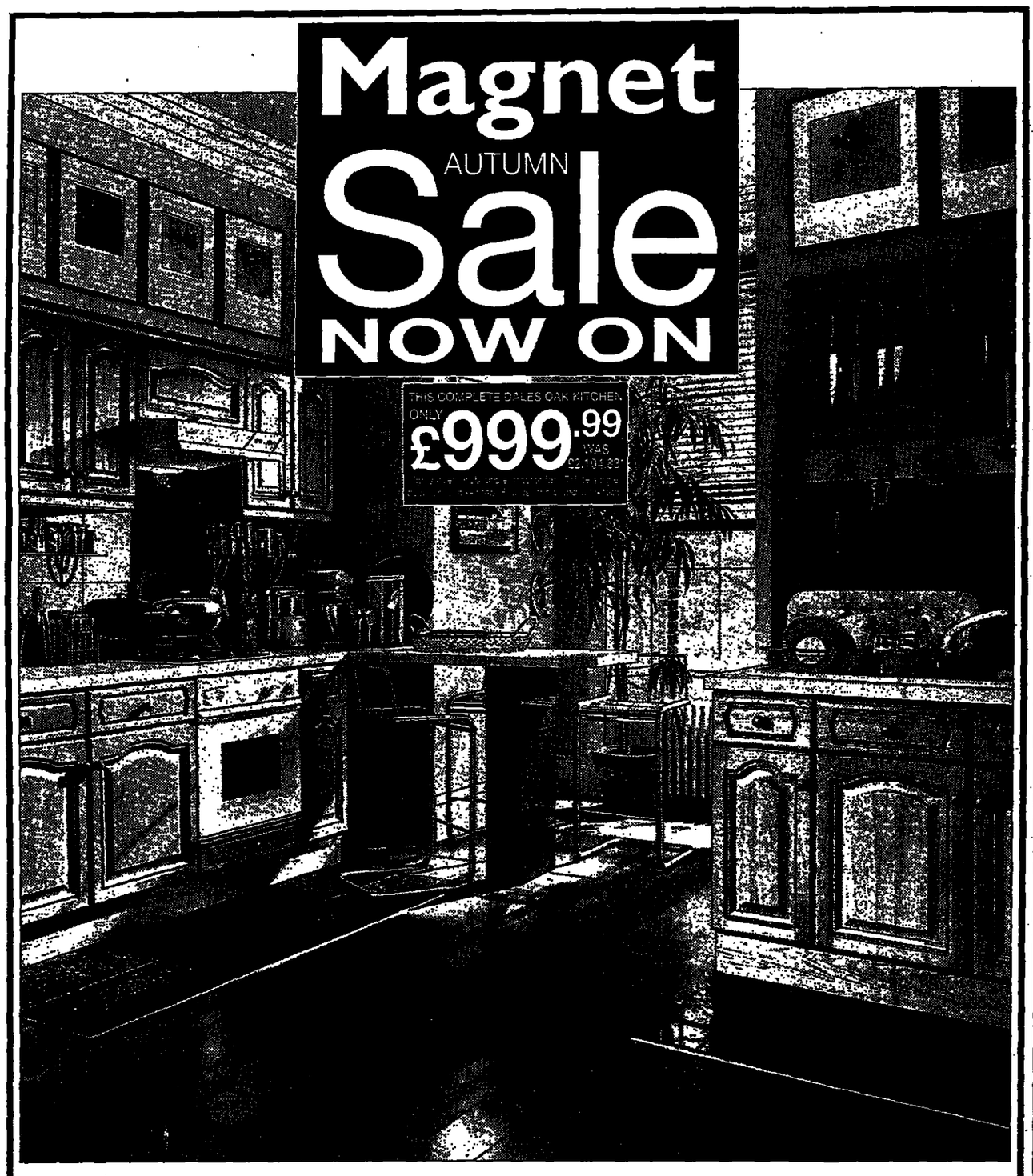
She is an organiser who has a perfect sense of protocol and timing. For instance, she will pour the general's beer even as he is descending the staircase and it will be in place beside his favourite chair as he sits down. They are, close friends say, an intimate if old-fashioned family with a self-discipline instilled by years spent in the shadow of the armed forces.

The house is neither ostentatious nor small, and although security is present it is not overbearing. The inside has been tastefully decorated by Mrs Cédras and contains a large collection of Haitian primitive art and sculpture. In one room three female members of the family spend hours at computer terminals in an office that appears to be the nerve centre of General Cédras's operations at home. Edwige Kenn, one of the general's closest friends, says that probably he is unaware of many of the worst atrocities committed in his name. "I think he is genuinely shocked when I tell him what takes place," she said. It was her husband who taught General Cédras how to scuba-dive and it was she who accompanied the Haitian leader to the Governors Island talks in July last year. He still visits her beach house to engage in his one passion, diving around shipwrecks.

> "I think he is genuinely shocked when I tell him what takes place"

"I have always seen myself as someone he can come to when everything gets too much," Mrs Kenn said, "and I hope we will see much more of each other once all this is over."

In the meantime, his friends and family will continue to paint a picture of a man who is an introspective perfectionist with a good sense of humour and a caring personality. The rehabilitation of Raoul Cédras is under way, but those who have been raped, tortured and beaten under his regime are unlikely to accept his image as a statesman.



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Haiti regime tries to bypass Aristide with election plan

FROM TOM RHODES IN PORT-AU-PRINCE

HAITI'S military government said yesterday it would hold elections at the end of the year and asked parliament to go into special session to pass an amnesty law.

The moves were considered certain to outrage supporters of the ousted President, Jean-Bertrand Aristide, who oppose any amnesty for the military and its supporters. In a statement, the government of the provisional President, Emile Jonassaint, said it would "very soon" announce a timetable for the winter vote to elect more than 2,000 senators, deputies, mayors and local officials.

One-third of the Senate and all of the 83-member Chamber of Deputies are up for re-election in a vote which will presumably take place after President Aristide is returned to power.

The development poses a problem for the US Administration which does not recognise the military government and has told Mr Jonassaint to stand down before Mr Aristide returns. However, supporters of Mr Jonassaint argue that President Clinton tacitly accepted the regime by brokering a deal with Lieutenant-General Raoul Cédras this week.

Stanley Schrager, the US Embassy's spokesman in Port-au-Prince, said: "We are certain that these elections will be held under the duly elected constitutional government of President Aristide."

Yesterday the United States army started to dismantle Haiti's biggest armoury of heavy weapons in a further attempt to encourage paramilitary groups throughout the country to hand in their guns.

At the same time Colonel Joseph Michel François, the police chief thought to have gone into hiding soon after the arrival of American forces, was seen talking to US troops at the military headquarters in the centre of Port-au-Prince.

At Camp d'Application, the heavy weapons compound six miles from the centre, six V-15 armoured vehicles, 40mm and 20mm anti-aircraft guns, anti-tank weapons and artillery were dragged out by American vehicles to be placed in full view of the Haitian people as an example of US muscle.

American military police were expected yesterday to start patrolling the intricate network of streets round the harbour, filled with debris, pigs and human detritus. Other American soldiers, however, continued to be wary of leaving the main bases at the international airport and the port, for fear of involvement in scenes of violence. They have taken over the industrial park and Fort Dimanche, the prison in which atrocities were committed during the dictatorship of the Duvaliers. On Wednesday, Enso Julien, a 12-year-old boy, died after being shot in the chest. He had been caught in the crossfire as a group of Attachés, the plain-clothes security forces and successors to the infamous Tontons Macoute, had been trying to arrest his uncle, Jean Julien.

The Attachés, who have committed some of the worst crimes in Haiti since the ousting of Mr Aristide three years ago, are a shadowy network of armed gangs who hide in doorways and behind houses waiting to mete out their brutal forms of summary justice. Before the American arrival, they would regularly enter the capital's slums where Mr Aristide has his greatest support and murder, beat, mutilate and rape the populace into submission.

The Haitian army and police are brutal enough in themselves. But Attaches and other paramilitary groups linked to them are deployed for tasks so callous that the military wishes to deny any knowledge of them. The Attachés are enlisted by those close to the military and given a gun and small amounts of money.

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A soldier on patrol in an armed vehicle displaying American firepower to a crowd of Haitians in the harbour district of Port-au-Prince

US fears client leader will turn on his sponsors

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

AS IT sends 15,000 troops to Haiti to restore Jean-Bertrand Aristide, the exiled President, the Clinton Administration is becoming increasingly nervous about this slender reed on which it is resting so heavily.

In fact, just as Lieutenant-General Raoul Cédras, the leader of Haiti's murderous military regime, is being recast in the United States as a man of honour co-operating with the American troops, so Mr Aristide is growing steadily more unpopular.

The 41-year-old former priest has always been viewed in Washington as left-wing and anti-American, and the CIA has spread the word that he is a mentally unstable demagogue with a penchant for violence. Congressional distaste turned to outright hostility this week, however, when it took Mr Aristide three days to express any gratitude for the American mission.

The White House had further problems with him. Only through the most strenuous wooing, cajoling and flattery did it finally persuade Mr Aristide to accept last Sunday's agreement, which averted an invasion by offering concessions to the men who ousted him. A former member of a Colombian drugs cartel also stepped forward to claim that Mr Aristide had, while in power, accepted hundreds of thousands of dollars in bribes. The US Justice Department said it had investigated the claim but found no evidence.

White House officials insist that Mr Aristide has turned into a statesman during his three-year exile in Washington. They point to his repeated calls for peace and reconciliation in recent days. Their fear is, however, that once reinstated he will revert to the role of demagogue and embarrass President Clinton, who has risked so much for him.

Mr Aristide was born to a poor family and educated by the Salesian Fathers who sent him to Israel, Canada and England for further studies. He became a Catholic priest in 1982, espoused Marxist liberation theology and spoke out against the brutal regime of Jean-Claude "Baby Doc" Duvalier. He electrified Haiti's oppressed masses with his fiery rhetoric and survived two assassination attempts, but was expelled from the Salesian Order in 1988.

Democrats braced for costly losses in November polls

BY MARTIN FLETCHER

PRESIDENT Clinton's domestic political problems have continued to mount this week despite the distractions of Haiti, and Democrats are now bracing themselves for disaster in November's congressional elections.

Mike Synar, one of the President's closest congressional allies, suffered a stunning primary defeat that chilled Democrats on Capitol Hill. Tom Foley, the House Speaker and another invaluable presidential ally, performed so poorly in his primary that even he is now perceived as a possible casualty of the November polls.

Scandals are, meanwhile, threatening to engulf two members of Mr Clinton's Cabinet and at least one of them, Mike Espy, the Agriculture Secretary may be forced to resign. In addition, Congress is on the point of publicly declaring Mr Clinton's healthcare legislation dead.

A CBS-New York Times poll showed that the President's approval rating jumped from 36 to 45 per cent after he sent American troops to Haiti, but most Americans oppose the intervention.

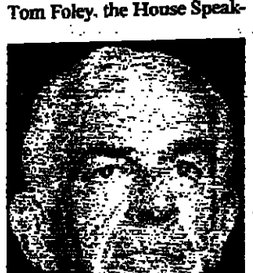
Mr Synar's defeat in Oklahoma has boosted Republican hopes of seizing effective, if not outright, control of the House and Senate on November 8, enabling them to block Mr Clinton's legislative agenda throughout the rest of his term in office.

Mr Synar, a liberal eight-term congressman, was widely respected in Washington for his courage in challenging the tobacco and gun control lobbies. He was beaten, however, because he was so closely associated with Mr Clinton, who is deeply unpopular in the conservative south.

He was beaten by a 71-year-old retired headmaster, Virgil Cooper, who spent $16,900 (£10,760) on his campaign, bought no television commercials, employed no staff and simply put leaflets under windscreen wipers.

As Speaker and a 30-year incumbent, Mr Foley was an even more obvious target in the primaries for those who believe Congress has become imperious and out of touch. Sensing a major scalp, the Republican's will now pour money into the caimpaign of his November opponent, George Nethercutt.

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Foley: could lose seat in November elections

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Buthelezi rift with King raises fear of war in Natal

FROM R.W. JOHNSON IN DURBAN

WITH the rift widening daily between Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the Inkatha Freedom Party leader, and King Goodwill Zwelethini of the Zulus, his nephew, there is once again talk of possible civil war in KwaZulu/Natal, where most of South Africa's eight million Zulus live.

The struggle between the two men has been long in the making but has now reached such a pitch that the government this week sent in troops to protect the monarch.

King Goodwill ascended the throne as a minor and Prince Mcwayizeni Israel Zulu ruled as regent for some years. This led to friction between the prince and Chief Buthelezi, then the rising power within the Zulu royal family. Chief Buthelezi won the tussle decisively, with the prince retiring to live in virtual hiding in the eastern Transvaal.

Chief Buthelezi then successfully asserted (some would say created) his role as the King's "traditional Prime Minister", just as his great-grandfather had been to King Cetshwayo. His Inkatha party enabled him to control the KwaZulu government and to keep the King on a tight rein, which the latter clearly resented, even going so far as to try to float a competing political party with funds supplied by the security police. Chief Buthelezi forced him to back down, as he did on every subsequent occasion when the King's plans did not fit in with his. In the violent competition between Inkatha and the African National Congress, both sides have tried to capitalise on the prestige of the Zulu monarchy. In 1991 the ANC elected Prince Mcwayizeni to its national executive, while Chief Buthelezi campaigned for the King to be represented separately at the constitutional negotiations. In the run-up to last April's multiracial elections, Inkatha made increasing use of the King who, for his part, appears to throw his weight solidly behind the party. Some of the King's support — opinion polls put him in a class of his own on 60 per cent before last April's multiracial elections — doubtless derives from his non-political status, but Inkatha claims that it was not important to its victory in Natal ring hollow. In the event, he took advantage of the ANC's national victory to make virtually a unilateral declaration of independence from Chief Buthelezi and Inkatha.



King Goodwill: humiliated over Zulu celebration day

There is no doubt that, with the King and the chief at odds, many Zulus are intensely divided in their loyalties. Thus far, however, Chief Buthelezi is clearly winning. His control of Inkatha and his superior appeal among the *amakosi* (chiefs) and *indunas* (headmen) have enabled him to humiliate King Goodwill and force him to cancel his invitation to President Mandela to attend the Shaka Day celebrations in honour of the founder of the Zulu nation tomorrow. This is a considerable blow to the ANC, which has always hankered after the militant figure of Shaka, hoping to appropriate him as its own.

For his part, the King has responded that he will not see Chief Buthelezi again, thus dismissing him as his principal adviser and replacing him with his deadly rival, the prince. Chief Buthelezi has now announced that he will go ahead with the Shaka Day celebrations without the King. He will doubtless produce a large show of force to underline his ability to dispense with the monarch, and perhaps to suggest that a Zulu King who fails to honour Shaka is unworthy of his crown.

But things are unlikely to stop there. The King is perceived as having thrown in his lot with the ANC, which Chief Buthelezi sees as a threat to Inkatha's rule in his Natal heartland. King Goodwill feels equally insecure and has made clear that he now fears for his life. Things are at such a stage that, a century ago, either the King or Chief Buthlezi would by now have been murdered.

Such an outcome in this day and age seems unlikely, but Chief Buthelezi may well be tempted to try to depose King Goodwill and instal a more pliant monarch.

The King's problem is that he has found it impossible to stand up to Chief Buthelezi unless he has the support of the ANC, which in turn threatens Chief Buthelezi and leads the Inkatha faithful to complain that "the [arch-rival] Xhosas are stealing our King". Thus the quarrel serves to heighten Inkatha-ANC tensions and could well spill over into an increase in the already high level of political violence in Natal.



Hong Kong police struggling to put a Vietnamese woman on a plane to Hanoi as part of the forced repatriation programme. The aircraft landed in Vietnam yesterday with a group of 33 boat people deported after Hong Kong disqualified them as political refugees: the group included two who slashed their wrists and were taken on board sedated and in straitjackets. They are the first Vietnamese to be sent home by force from Hong Kong since March. Another 33 are due in Hanoi today. (AP)

Police ordered to open fire on looters in volcano town

FROM REUTER IN RABAUL, PAPUA NEW GUINEA

POLICE in the volcano-wrecked port of Rabaul in Papua New Guinea were ordered to shoot looters after only one warning, as the first official relief convoys yesterday entered the town, now covered in ash more than 3ft deep in some places.

"If people will not listen to you at roadblocks, you fire," the police commander, John ToGuata, told a company of 100 armed officers on the outskirts of Rabaul. "Anyone who doesn't listen, give one warning and then you fire. Any new cars or looters' vans seen driving out of there, you shoot the wheels out."

Rabaul, on New Britain island, is unrecognisable as the tourist town of 30,000 people it was before Monday, when the Vulcan and Tavurvur volcanoes erupted for the first time in 57 years. The roofs of many stores have collapsed and the windows and doors of shops have been smashed by hundreds of looters seizing food, clothes and electronic goods. A warehouse of rice was emptied. Plantation owner Roger Radford said a gang held him up as he moved a van filled with food from Rabaul. "They smashed the windscreen with iron bars as I drove through the pack, but I just did not stop."

Pillars of smoke reach a mile above the volcanoes, still belching ash. Two deaths have been attributed to the eruptions — a child hit by a fleeing car and a man hit by lightning generated by the volcanoes.

Singapore rejects appeal on hanging

FROM JANE HOWARD IN SINGAPORE

A DUTCHMAN will today become the first Westerner to hang for drug offences in Singapore after a last-minute appeal by Hans van Mierlo, the Dutch Foreign Affairs Minister, was turned down.

Johannes van Damme, 59, an engineer, was sentenced to death by the Singapore High Court in April last year for importing more than 4kg of heroin worth $5 million (£3.1 million). His appeal before three judges last November was rejected and a plea for clemency in July also failed.

Seventy-eight people have been hanged for similar offences in Singapore since 1975 — more than half of them foreigners.

Van Damme was arrested by Singaporean authorities at Changi airport in November 1991 while carrying a suitcase



Van Damme: "unaware" he was carrying drugs

containing 4.32kg of heroin. He denied all knowledge of what the case contained and said he had been carrying it for someone else.

During his trial, the prosecution claimed that van Damme knew what he was carrying and was to be paid $20,000 for the delivery.

Last Tuesday, Mr van Mierlo said he would make one final appeal for clemency. "We will leave no stone unturned in our efforts to prevent this sentence being carried out," he said.

The Dutch have taken a deliberately low-key approach to the hanging to avoid inflaming public opinion. The question of Western countries trying to influence the Singaporean justice system is a sensitive one as the caning of Michael Fay, the American teenager convicted of vandalism, made clear.

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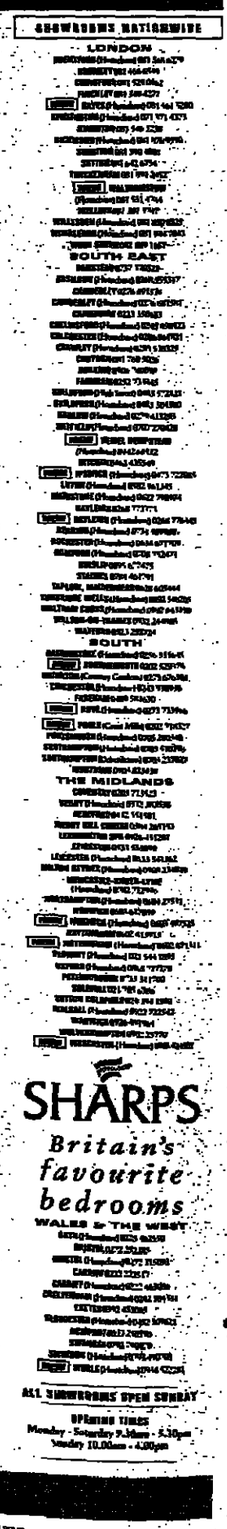
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Major heals rift with Thatcher over South Africa visit

FROM PHILIP WEBSTER IN PRETORIA AND MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

JOHN Major moved swiftly yesterday to bury the hatchet with Baroness Thatcher over her apparent undermining of his visit to South Africa.

The Prime Minister declared that Lady Thatcher had thoroughly cleared up any misunderstandings over her remarks doubting the willingness of international firms to invest in the country. However, to underline one of the chief purposes of his visit on its last day, he went out of his way to call on British businesses to seize the fresh opportunities now presented to build on their already large investments in South Africa. He also made plain that he regarded as the end of the matter the statement of clarification issued on his predecessor's behalf on Wednesday, drawn up after frantic talks between Downing Street officials and her staff in India.

Mr Major, clearly anxious not to dwell on Lady Thatcher's expressed fears that the prospect of future instability might deter investment, praised her record on South Africa, adding that there was not a shred of doubt that she wished South Africa well. "Over a long period of time she has encouraged British firms to maintain investment in South Africa," he said. "Throughout the period she was Prime Minister she encouraged and sanctioned a great deal of direct assistance into the townships."

A confident Mr Major told a press conference in Pretoria that his visit had moved him personally like few others in his career. He declared that the present time was an extraordinary moment in South Africa's history.

The Prime Minister said his talks with President Mandela and other leaders had shown they were under no illusion about the scale of the task ahead, but were determined to succeed "and I hope and believe they will succeed".

Mr Major announced that the Princess Royal would visit South Africa in November, and confirmed that the Queen would tour the country next year. He added that the Lord's Taverners, of whom Sir Colin Cowdrey, in the Prime Minister's delegation, is president-elect, would donate £20,000 to provide a minibus for young Western Cape cricketers. Five of the businessmen in his delegation had agreed to donate £10,000 each to build a clubhouse at the Oval sports complex in Alexandra township.

Although Mr Major's visit has been generally praised as a political success, the impression he has made in the country's newspapers has been less than sensational. His historic speech to a joint session of parliament in Cape Town was broadcast live on national television but, although it was carried by *The Star* in Johannesburg the same afternoon, it had been relegated by the following morning to a brief inside report with a photograph.

The Sowetan, which ran a sour editorial accusing Mr Major of coming to further his own flagging political career, also chose to ignore the visit on its front pages this week. *Business Day* also carried only a short report of Mr Major's promise of £100 million of help, but that was on the front page. Yesterday a hamper of Major stories across the top of the front page included his call for an end to South Africa's financial controls and Lady Thatcher backing down over clarification of her speech.

The Citizen, the other main Johannesburg paper, carried some reports on its front page each day. It led yesterday on Lady Thatcher's intervention under the headline "Maggie upsets Major over SA".



John Major with Major-General G.L. Remano, formerly an ANC guerrilla, outside Pretoria yesterday

John and Lynda roadshow does a turn in the veld

BY MICHAEL HAMLYN

The John and Lynda act took to the road yesterday as Mr Major and Baroness Chalker of Wallasey, the Overseas Development Minister, toured the dusty veld north of Pretoria to inspect the British contribution to the integration of South Africa's new armed forces.

In a tented encampment, where several thousand armoured cars, redundant since the end of the country's involvement in the Angolan war, stand gently baking in the spring sunshine, 7,000 former guerrillas are being assessed and processed before being invited to join their former enemies.

"Would you like to be a soldier?" asked Mr Major, after the two had shaken hands with a line of buxom recruits to South Africa's military police. "I did think about it once," Lady Chalker said. "But I don't think I would be fit enough now."

Brigadier Dick Trigger, 43, the commander of the British Military Advisory and Training Team (Bmatt), remarked pointedly during his spell at the briefing lectern that the team had become an essential part of the integration, and that it now looked unlikely that the process would end, as had been predicted, in two years' time.

"Well," the Prime Minister said, "if the South Africans ask us, we shall gladly extend our help." Lady Chalker said afterwards: "I hope that that means he is going to fight in my corner against the Treasury. Every time he makes a commitment like that, it goes on my calculator."

All sides say that there has been a serious need for a visibly impartial force, with the expertise to advise and to steer all discussions about the integration of the new South African armed forces towards a consensus. The British advisers are also offering help to validate the standards of the new defence force and ensure that they are up to international standards.





Baroness Thatcher being welcomed to Bombay, where she made her speech on investment in South Africa

Resolute de Klerk sees criticism as 'voicing reality'

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

BARONESS Thatcher's implicit comparison of South Africa with Rwanda and Somalia drew scorn from economists and South African observers yesterday, but a qualified defence from F. W. de Klerk as he arrived on an investment-seeking visit to Britain.

South Africa's Deputy President denied that Baroness Thatcher had cast a cloud over his visit with suggestions that investors were worried about the stability of his country. Mr de Klerk said that Lady Thatcher was "voicing reality" when she said there was a sceptical attitude by some potential investors in South Africa, but any comparisons with Rwanda and Somalia were "totally wrong".

Lady Thatcher threw John Major's visit to South Africa into temporary disarray when she said in Bombay on Wednesday that she she did not think investment in South Africa would be a priority among international business people because they feared there could be more violence. "What you are getting is people who look at the rest of Africa. They say, 'Look at Rwanda, look at Somalia. Are we going to have the same thing happening in South Africa?'" Lady Thatcher asked. Her office later issued a statement of support for Mr Major and claimed her remarks were taken out of context.

"I think the analysis that we might go the way Rwanda and Somalia have gone is totally wrong," Mr de Klerk said after arriving in Edinburgh, where he met businessmen yesterday. "I don't think if you read Mrs [sic] Thatcher's latest statement that she intended to compare South Africa with Rwanda and Somalia. I will be trying to convince people there is no longer ... any basis for scepticism."

Lady Thatcher's remarks nonetheless drew criticism from Western analysts and economists. Professor Jack Spence, Director of Studies at the Royal Institute of International Affairs, said: "If you ask me who is right, Margaret Thatcher or John Major, I would plump for Mr Major.

"British businessmen must be impressed by the economic terrain in South Africa, where the same language and the same business culture prevail. There is also a common interest among all groups in keeping the place together. It is fairly efficient; the phones work and the planes run on time, which is important."

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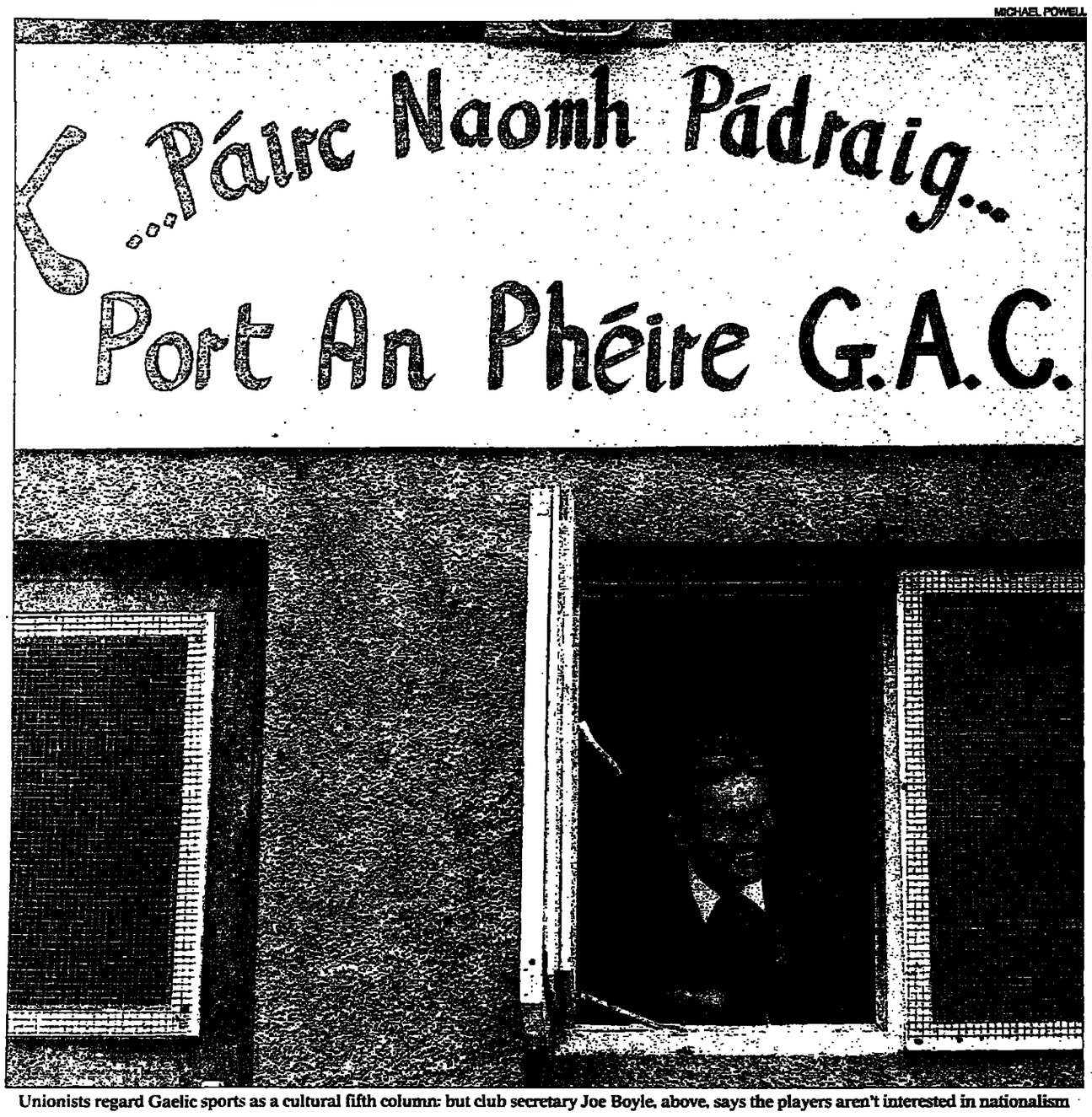
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Concluding his Ulster tour, **Walter Ellis** finds hope for peace

MICHAEL POWELL



Unionists regard Gaelic sports as a cultural fifth column: but club secretary Joe Boyle, above, says the players aren't interested in nationalism

Man in the Hot Spot

The Ards peninsula, a fertile sliver of land dividing Strangford Lough from the Irish Sea, has figured little in Ulster's Troubles.

To the north, on the seaward side, there is a string of holiday villages, used mostly by Belfast people seeking a bit of peace at the weekend or a fortnight off in the summer. On the loughside, the pace is more gentle and middle class. Further south, where the peninsula begins to come to a point, the countryside grows wilder. The inhabitants, mainly Protestant and Unionist in the north, grow suddenly more Catholic in their tastes.

In Portaferry, the main population centre, looking across the "Narrows" to Strangford, Joe Boyle runs the Hot Spot, a successful fish and chip shop. Joe is also secretary of the village Gaelic Athletic Club, and his walls are plastered with newspaper reports and fixture lists detailing the progress of the local and county hurling sides, with a nod to Gaelic football.

Half of those who come in — mainly farmers, fishermen and their children — don't want chips or burgers, but information on the next football match or a ticket for upcoming county games in Dublin, Derry or Kilkenny.

Here, hurling — a kind of aerial hockey on speed — comes next to religion. Much of the village turned out recently when *Songs of Praise* was broadcast from St Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, but, as Joe relates, when the senior hurling side is involved in a grudge match at the local Gaelic pitch, the passion involved is of a different order.

"There are just three clubs round here: ourselves, Ballycran and Ballygalet, and all of the players come from an eight-mile radius from where I'm standing. There are only about five families involved, so you get brother against brother and cousin against cousin, and sometimes feelings boil over. Relationships that are strong off the field are ignored for an hour's hurling. You don't come off beaten. You can't come off beaten. That's the attitude. But the fact is, someone has to lose."

Joe, from Cushendall, in Co Antrim, where hurling is of the highest standard, has worked tirelessly over the last 12 years to convert a rare enthusiasm for the game in his adopted home into the sort of skills that could help Co Down win an All-Ireland championship.

Gerard McGrattan, the first-ever Down player to win a coveted place in the All-Stars — the equivalent of a national team, staging exhibition matches in England, America and Australia — is a Portaferry man, whose operation earlier this year after a knee injury was filmed live by BBC Northern Ireland.

Joe, like everyone else, is immensely proud of McGrattan, and wants to see similar top-class players emerge from village competition. But it is not always easy.

In the Republic of Ireland, Gaelic games are widely followed, and blessed, in a semi-official way, by Church and State, which see in them an expression of national identity. Not surprisingly, then, the Gaelic Athletic Association, which runs football and hurling, is viewed by most Unionists north of the border as a kind of cultural fifth column.

They resent the fact that the Irish tricolour is mandatory at matches, that the club signs are in Irish and that, until recently, those who took part were banned from participating in "foreign" games such as soccer, rugby and cricket.

Joe, himself an Irish speaker, is dismayed by the attitude on both sides. He loves hurling for its own sake and rejects the connection made by Protestants between Gaelic games and militant republicanism.

He points out that though GAA rules still forbid "fraternisation" with the security forces in the North, local RUC officers are frequent attenders at matches. He even remembers one police officer who flew the club colours from the police station after a crucial cup victory.

One of the best minor hurlers in the area, he says, is a young Protestant lad, and the groundsman at the local St Patrick's pitch was, until recently, Fred Staples, a Presbyterian. Local Unionists have always subscribed to fundraising by the club, and look benignly on its many successes.

Such local bonhomie cuts no ice, alas, with Loyalist thugs from further up the peninsula. Groups of hoodlums, claiming allegiance to the banned Ulster Defence Association, periodically torch GAA premises in the area. Ballycran, the most exposed club of the three, has been burnt seven times. Ballygallet twice and Portaferry once.

Joe believes that his own club has been relatively immune only because of the meagre nature of its existing premises. "We've never had anything much to burn. Until a few years back, we got changed in pig sheds."

But now an imposing new clubhouse is being completed by volunteer craftsmen from the area, and there is a natural concern that it might become a target for arsonists. To that extent, the IRA ceasefire announced this month may, if it is matched by Loyalists, prove to be a godsend.

ELLIS'S IRELAND

Loyalist thugs from the UDA regularly burn down their clubhouses

The irony has been that Portaferry has never been a Republican stronghold. Local Catholics are vaguely nationalist, in the sense that they would welcome the prospect, long term, of a united Ireland. Yet they have scarcely ever involved themselves in the "armed struggle". There are no angry protests of the kind that are part and parcel of everyday life in West Belfast and Londonderry. Sinn Fein barely exists, and not a single IRA suspect has been arrested in the vicinity in the last 12 years.

"Republican?" Joe snorts. "The biggest problem we have round here is getting the guys to the match on time. These boys aren't into nationalism or the culture. They just want to win games and go for a few beers after. Half of them don't even know the GAA rules."

In his shop, scooping out the congealed fat used in the previous night's frying, Joe Boyle looks exactly what he is — a decent, hard-working family man, with a love of his country and a fanatical regard for the game that keeps him fit and hones local loyalties.

Northern Ireland needs such people. Gerry Adams is supposed to be a barman, but hasn't pulled an honest pint in years. Joe Boyle at least knows which trade he's in.

50 years under the Greenwood eye

Trinity College, Oxford, owes a huge debt to one man. **Tunku Varadarajan** renews an old acquaintance

When Albert Frederick James Greenwood speaks, everyone in the Senior Common Room pays close attention: and not only because of his furry, impenetrable Oxfordshire accent. In the six years I taught Law at Trinity — whose quiet grace is so often drowned by Balliol's bluster — he was the most important man in my life. I called him Albert (although this seemed, always, a touch ungracious) and he called me "Sir", unfailingly. Much as I tried to get him to use my first name — by signing notes to him as "Tunku", and other sorts of subterfuge — he resisted stubbornly. And I had to concede defeat, in the end, to his profound sense of hierarchy. Albert, like Oxford, "is an England in miniature", or at least a certain sort of England.

He was, of course, called "Greenwood" for much of his life, in the clipped English mode of address that is now defunct: He still is, by the Emeritus Fellows (and other species of prehistoriana) who stumble into his life from time to time. He has recently completed 50 years of service at the College, having been employed first as a "Boy". He has just clocked up 20 years as butler of the Senior Common Room, and is the man on whom the spiritual welfare of Trinity's dons depends.

STEPHEN MARKESON



Albert Greenwood: both server and sage

As a Boy, aged 14, his life was unalloyed drudgery. He started work at six in the morning, filling the coal bunkers and getting hot water ready for the "young men" of Trinity. "They shaved every morning, not like our chaps now." His week lasted seven days, and the entire term — eight whole weeks — passed without a day off. "Term was term," he says, stoically. "We didn't have weekends and overtime and things like that." It was 1943: the Russians had won at Stalingrad, the RAF had started to pound the Ruhr, Rommel was on the run. And Trinity's dons dined at High Table every night. "You couldn't tell there was a war on."

"There was High Table more often then than there is today." He regrets the sparse attendance of Fellows at dinner now. And he is right. The Oxford of Albert's "Boyhood" has changed in radical ways. Fellows are entitled to dine sumptuously every night — as they always were — at the College's expense, on guinea fowl, duck, venison, monk-fish, or whatever else the chef dreams up. That is the only decent thing about a Fellowship. But astoundingly, they do so but rarely. "Fellows live out, and they're all married as well." I thought I detected a touch of regret in that observation. There is much that Albert regrets.

The decline in discipline, for one. He remembers the Forties and Fifties, fondly, as an age when the "young men" (a phrase he uses often) wore suits and ties and waistcoats. Gowns were worn with feeling and grace was said with pride. "Grace is very important before dinner." Chapel, too. Life at College used to revolve around the chapel, the river and the White Horse. Only the White Horse survives of that trinity: the chapel is not now widely favoured, and the river's laurels have passed to Oriel and Keble, more manly places.

Albert has changed, too. His appearance is calm, even distinguished. He looks remarkably like H.G. Wells, with his manicured moustache and full, ruddy cheeks. He loves red wine, claret above all, and prefers his white wine to be German if he has to go without red. The Petrus 1945 was "a jewel": he tasted it once, as part of his education. And his tussles with the names of French *châteaux* — when Oxfordshire meets the Loire — are inimitable. Being butler involves choosing the wine for High Table every night; and no one knows the College cellars as he does. He loves the musty smells and the bottles caked in dust. The cellars make him wistful: they are clearly not as fine as they used to be. His wife, Jean, does not drink wine, so he never takes it at home.

It took him a while to get used to "ladies" in College, but he has not an unkind word for them now. "The place is certainly more colourful." But the Lady he holds in the highest esteem is the Queen. Her portrait (of Coronation vintage) adorns his little pantry, which is tucked away in a corner of the Senior Common Room, by the old fireplace (now stuffed with yellowed newspaper) and the exquisitely eccentric port-train. He is a monarchist and gives the Queen "the respect she is due". Not enough people do, though, he muses. Albert, clearly, is more subject than citizen. It is remarkable, therefore, that he should reveal that he votes Liberal. I had to prise this from him for he professes to detest politics. His father, too, voted Liberal, although Albert was not sure about his son.

"I didn't encourage him to work for a College." The money, clearly, is poor. But Albert never complains: he is too correct for that, too proud of his craft. He must absorb the contrary temperaments of those he serves, cope with idiosyncratic guests who "eat garlic but not onion", and preserve the manners and gestures of another age. He must, above all, be deferential without being disconcertingly so, contriving to be both server and sage. And he is able to do that because, quite honestly, we all hold him in a tiny bit of awe. He may be called "Albert" to his face, but in the heads of people he is Mr Greenwood.

● Albert Greenwood will be attending to the comfort of diners tonight, at the 3rd Annual Banquet of Trinity College's Law Society. Tunku Varadarajan is now a leader writer at The Times.

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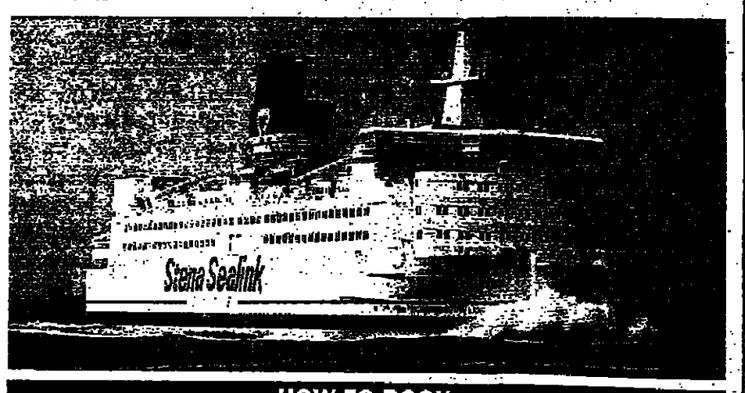
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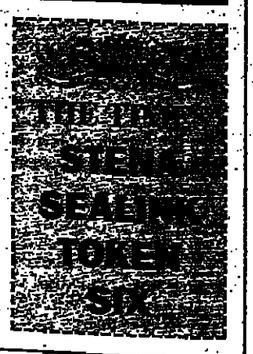
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Sandra Sullivan: her eloquence and pain over her daughter's murder silenced Nick Ross

The rage that made Sandra Sullivan the victims' champion

'The lawyers open up your heart and then rip it out'

THE VALERIE GROVE INTERVIEW

Sandra Sullivan, small, slight and soft-voiced, was once a little rabbit, brought up to do nothing but have children. She was such a wimp she would not speak out if she was short-changed in a shop. But observe, now, the power of her voice. On *Call Nick Ross* on Radio 4 this week, she silenced both Ross and his attendant barrister.

The barrister was explaining that a court cannot be influenced by the emotion of the victim's family when Mrs Sullivan's call came in. "What's wrong with emotion? Who says we don't want retribution?" she said, fighting tears. "People's sufferings are *increased* by their treatment at trials. We want at least the rights that criminals are given. The criminal has the choice. We have no choice. Yet they are represented, we are not. We want to stop being bullied by people like you, Mr Barrister, into silence."

Two years ago Mrs Sullivan could never have imagined what eloquence rage would give her. When someone knocks at the door to tell parents their child is dead, their lives are changed for ever; but what they do not foresee is how misery is so compounded by insult in the courtroom that the vulnerable family begins to feel angrier with the court than with the killer.

Lawyers would prefer not to have the victims' families there at all, says Mrs Sullivan bitterly. "It is because there are victims that lawyers earn their money. But they say, 'It's nothing to do with you'. I loved my daughter for 23 years, it is everything to do with me.

"How do you pick up the pieces? They open your heart and rip it out every time you go to court. Why are we searched and treated like criminals? We have the murderer's parents breathing down our necks in the tiny space outside the courtroom, cheerfully eating their sandwiches. It is mental cruelty. Why is there a rule that if you even gulp back one sob, you are sent out of court? 'Remove that woman', they say.

"We ask for respect, humanity, dignity for the people who never did anything wrong.

"Why is the case listed in the criminal's name? When I got in touch with the Crown Prosecution Service for the return of my daughter's possessions, I was asked for the *offender's* name. In court the murderer was referred to as 'this poor young lady'. Nobody spoke up for my daughter and the children she looked after, the good she had done, the people she helped, the tears she shed for them."

Katie Sullivan, who had read psychology at Swansea and was going on to take a PhD at Oxford, was an unusual young woman with such an aura of goodness that strangers would come up to her in the street and tell her their troubles. When she was murdered in a savage attack — there were 14 stab wounds — she was working in a MIND hostel for £2 an hour.



Care in the Community had allowed a demented schizophrenic to be there. "Wishful thinking, and stupid, reckless optimism," Mrs Sullivan calls it. A report said the social worker had been "a little naive". Nobody checked that the killer took her drugs, and Katie was not told this patient had been violent before. "Yet nobody admits to any fault, nobody resigns, nobody is made accountable. The people who allowed Katie to lie alone, bleeding to death, have not lost a day's work." To this day Mrs Sullivan cannot look at a knife.

Now Mrs Sullivan wants to speak at the Tory conference, just as a rape victim once spoke up, memorably and effectively. But her local Conservative Association in Richmond regards her as a nuisance: "I was told, 'Stop it, Mrs Sullivan. Go home and write one of those letters that you are so good at.' But not one more letter will I write. We have all told our sob stories. Letters are too easy to drop in the waste-basket: 'That bloody woman again.' I will speak, and speak out, wherever I can."

Mrs Sullivan left school without any qualification; she married at 17 and brought up her four children. "Authority have I known, experience have I all, as the Wife of Bath said," she says. (She was studying for an English exam when Katie died.) Now she sits in a café opposite the Home Office where fellow parents from Justice for Victims are addressing a steering committee, and shows me her poems, one of which tells how she fainted on the steps of the Old Bailey and was roughly dragged to her feet.

The Charter for Victims' Families asks for simple rights: information about criminal proceedings, hearings, adjournments and grants of bail to the defendant. And a Minister for Victims to represent their interests. Some parents, who lose jobs and homes in the aftermath of a murder, need money: Mrs Sullivan is not interested in compensation. "Where could I buy Katie? I don't want anybody's money."

Justice for Victims is about giving a voice to people who have endured hearing no word spoken for the victim, or worse, hearing character assassinations of the dead, while judges (as Andrew Geddes did this week) declare that a sentence "is not intended to reflect the seriousness of the consequences of what you have done".

"I've never been in a court before," says Mrs Sullivan, "but nothing has changed since Dickens's time. They live in a different world. The swishing of the gowns, the clever semantic discussions, the deviousness, the prep school games they play. Any minute you expect custard and roly-poly pudding to appear.

"You start to question the whole morality of a good person's life. Should I have brought up my kids to help other people, and always to do right? I should have said, go out and steal a car, murder somebody — then you'll be treated with respect, and kept safe by the system."

Mrs Sullivan went to Broadmoor, where her daughter's killer remains: she wants to be consulted if there is ever any possibility of her release. "That creature lay in wait until it was the quietest time and Katie was alone. This was calculated, not a frenzied attack. A psychiatrist said to me: 'These people need mothering.' I said: 'My daughter needs mothering!' 'Well your daughter had mothering, so she was all right.' But Katie is under the earth. The murderer walks in the sun."

After Katie died, the Sullivans received a demand for her poll tax. Mrs Sullivan sent it to the Prime Minister, adding her request to attend any future tribunal regarding the killer's release. Back came an apology, but no mention of the tribunal. "Listen, I didn't mind the poll tax. I would happily pay to keep that murderer in hospital every day of her life, if it meant my daughter would have been saved.

"The worst aspect is the attitude of letters like this." She waves a letter from Virginia Bottomley citing the Blom-Cooper report on another, similar case. " 'The level of violence or self-harm in the Unit is no greater than that which would be expected.' Is murder an 'expected' level of violence?"

Mrs Sullivan is not one of nature's campaigners, but one of her three sons bought her a loudspeaker on Mother's Day. She stood up in the House of Commons and was arrested for creating a disturbance, but afterwards the policemen brought her a cup of coffee. She worried that she had been rude to Nick Ross this week. "But he rang back and said: 'You couldn't be rude. Didn't you hear what you did? You silenced us. What you're doing has been needed for 300 years. Don't take the pressure off'." She went to see the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, Sir Paul Condon, to ask why innocent families could not be treated differently in court. "He held my hand for a long time and said: 'Mrs Sullivan, you are totally right. Please don't stop asking for this. Don't give up'."

When grieving parents are aggrieved they become possessed, motivated by outrage to prove some unacknowledged flaw in the system. Bereaved parents like Diana Lamplugh and Dr Jim Swire have transformed their fate into a destiny. Sandra Sullivan and the other parents in Justice for Victims were gratified when Michael Howard listened to them this week, and promised action to ensure that presentence reports will reflect the harm done to victims. "He appeared to care. How could he not care, with all these mothers in front of him, and pictures of his own children on his desk?"

Far too busy to keep a child

Kate Muir on the battleground of motherhood versus a career

PROFESSIONAL women in America are worried by the growing trend for divorce courts to give child custody to fathers rather than mothers who work full-time. This week, all of Washington was debating the case of Sharon Prost, a high-flying lawyer working for the Senate, who lost custody of her two young sons because she was said to be "more devoted to and absorbed by her work and her career than anything else in her life, including her health, her children and her family".

Although her former husband, Kenneth Greene, also works full-time, he was seen by Judge Harriet Taylor as a playful, affectionate parent to his sons, aged seven and four. He also claimed that his hours were flexible. Despite the testimony of a court psychiatrist, who said that the children were primarily attached to their mother, Mr Greene won full custody.

Within minutes, the battle lines were drawn between men's advocacy groups celebrating the decision and saying that fathers had long been discriminated against in custody arrangements, and the Women's Legal Defence Fund, which claimed that working women were being held to a much higher standard than men. Others were angered by the adversarial style of American custody hearings, and demanded to know why joint parenting was not an option.



Jennifer Ireland: judged unfit for being a student

In *The New York Times*, Ms Prost's boss, Senator Orin Hatch (who, incidentally, gave Anita Hill a tough time in the sexual harassment hearings) completely supported her. "This is an injustice. Here's a professional woman I have seen day in and day out anguished over her children. This judge ignores the maximum effort she made while rewarding the minimum effort that he made."

While Mr Greene, 48, was praised for taking his son to an interview at nursery school, and sometimes reading stories in the class, a comment by the teacher that Ms Prost also participated was ignored. Ms Prost, 43, was also criticised for rarely arriving home before dinner time. She will be expected to pay $23,000 (£15,300) a year in child support, and is appealing against the decision.

Judge Taylor, herself a mother who worked part-time when her children were young, said a woman had just as much right as a man to put her career before everything else, but "the plaintiff must live with the consequences".

The Washington case comes soon after a similar decision in Michigan, where Jennifer Ireland, an unmarried mother who returned to university to finish her education, lost custody because she left her three-year-old daughter with a childminder for part of each day. The father of the child, Steve Smith, was also in full-time education, but won custody because he said his mother would look after the daughter, Maranda, at home. The judge said blood relatives would be better carers for the child than strangers.

Women's advocates pointed out that if Ms Ireland had stayed at home on social security and made no effort to get a degree or a job, she would have retained custody of her daughter. The National Organisation for Women said: "This case is regrettably not in the least unusual. Women should not be penalised for working outside the home. That is what is happening in many courts."

Michael Pitts, executive director of the American Children's Rights Council, says when the parents are not awarded joint custody, "it's a value judgment for those children that Mom's not as worthy as Dad, or vice versa". The group is campaigning for a law making shared parenting the norm, except in cases of abuse.

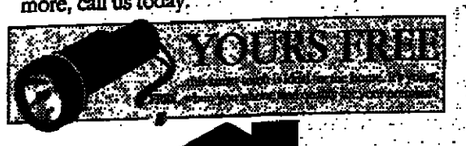
BUT Mr Pitts also points out that part of the problem is that women are being held to standards that they themselves created as mothers. He says that full-time workers of either sex cannot expect to have some divine right to their children when the other parent may have more time or inclination to be caring.

This sentiment was echoed by Mr Greene's lawyer in the Washington custody case, after the judge was accused of being biased: "The real bias lies at the door of Ms Prost, who expected that she would get the children just because she was the mother."

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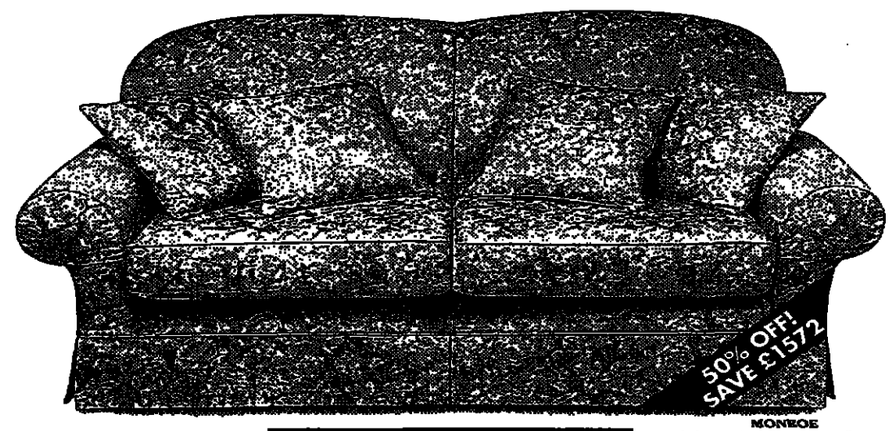
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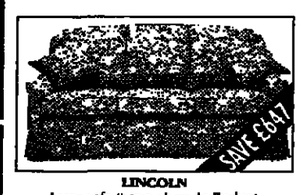
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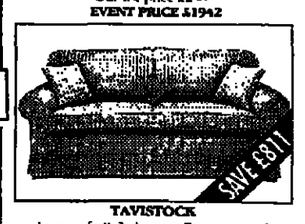
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Philip Howard



■ Tropical fruits and military nutcases make for a love-Haiti relationship

Poor bleeding Haiti. It ought to be an island paradise, with its mountains and jungles to temper the tropical heat, and its lush wildlife offering *an à la carte* menu from mangoes and avocados to lobsters and lizards, with coffee to follow. Hispaniola (La Isla Española as Columbus called the entire island) expressed the romance of tropical paradises so well that Stevenson adopted its name for the schooner in *Treasure Island*.

Every prospect pleases (except the humidity) and only man is vile. Where other West Indian islands enjoy calypso and cricket and lively literary patois, Haiti is famous for voodoo, extremes of poverty and violence, and the superstitious wearing of the silliest costume yet invented by Europeans, frock-coat and silk top hat.

Haiti's noisiest hour came two centuries ago, when Pierre Dominique Toussaint l'Ouverture was one of the first black freedom-fighters, a Che Guevara who beat the English, Spanish and for a time even the Napoleonic armies — until he was tricked by French "diplomacy" (lies) and imprisoned in the Jura Mountains to die of cold. A French general gave him his nickname because l'Ouverture made "openings" everywhere in the enemy line. His black republic put Haiti briefly on the cultural map. Wordsworth wrote a revolutionary ode to "Toussaint, the most unhappy man":

Thou hast great allies,
Thy friends are exultations, agonies,
And love, and man's unconquerable mind.

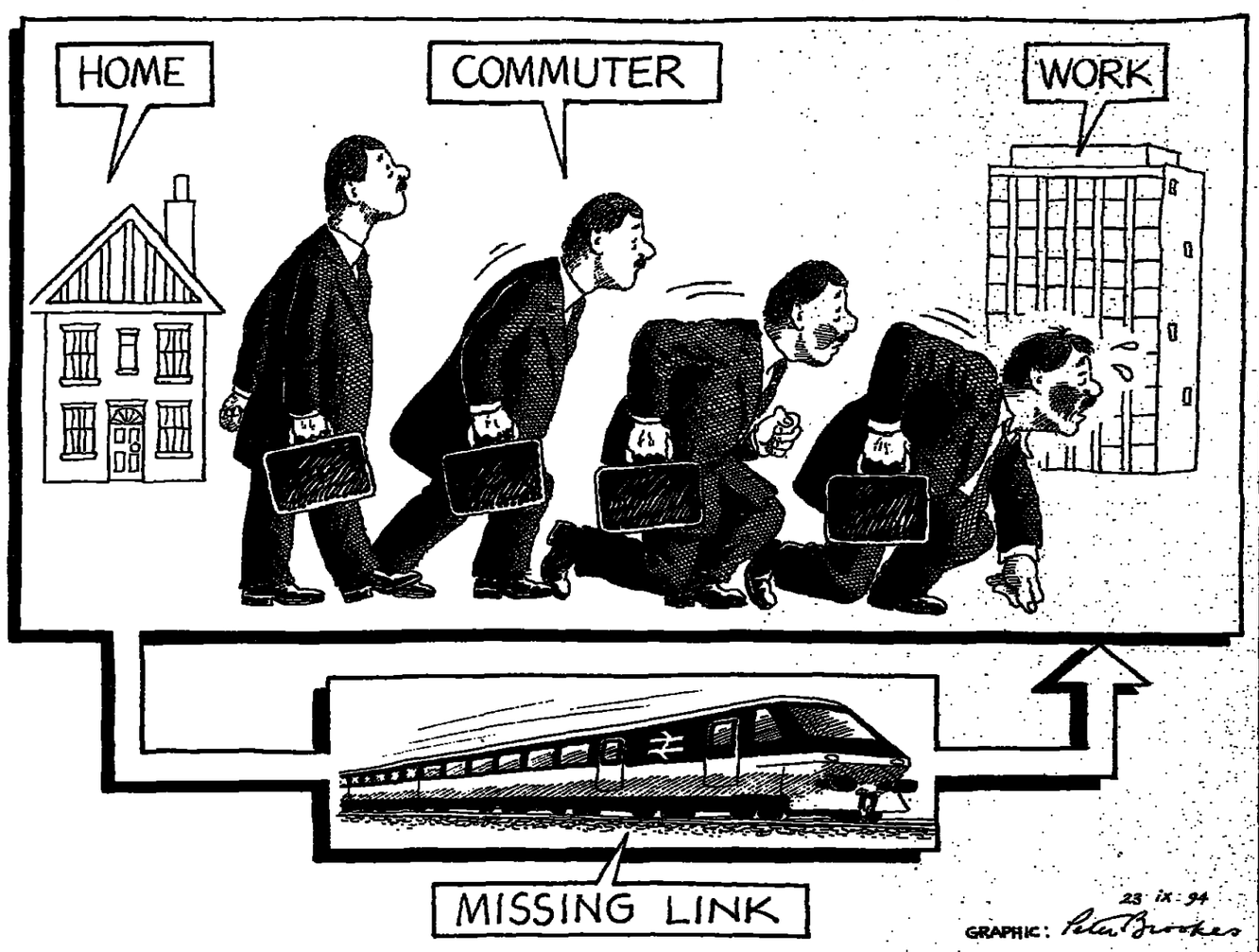
Since then Haiti has been relegated to being a symbol of tyranny, terror and Tonton-Macouterie that seemed too absurd for real life, and was used for thrillers at every level from Graham Greenery to James Bondage.

As always, language reflects history. Unlike Haiti's economy, its language is rich. Its name is probably a rare fossil from the language of the aboriginal Arawaks who were wiped out or soon worked to death by the first Spanish tourists. But Haiti today is still split by two languages, high French for official purposes and the ruling caste and low creole for ordinary conversation. This division between high and low language is found elsewhere: in demotic Greek and Katharévousa, in classical and colloquial Arabic, once upon an English time in Norman French for the ruling class and Anglo-Saxon for the peasants. Such a split in a national language does not necessarily signal a crisis of identity. Switzerland manages to be a pretty successful state between High German and Schweitzerdeutsch, with at least three other languages. But there is a tendency to standardisation in all countries with multiple languages. In Haiti the tendency is towards the creole.

This is a mixture of French with West African, with a few Spanish words. French *Il tombait dans l'eau*, "He fell in the water", becomes *Li tòbe nă dlo* in Haitian creole. The topical Haitian proverb, *Mennen koulev lekol pa anyen: se f'el chita ki red*, says, "It's nothing to lead the snake to school: making it sit down is the hard part."

Many words in creole vocabulary wear the badges of extraordinary history. *Voodoo* can be tracked back to *vodun*, the fetish connected with snake-worship in Dahomey, now part of Nigeria, and carried to Haiti by slaves. Other words that were brought into creoles and so into English by the slave trade from West Africa are *gumbo*, *juke-box*, *mumbo-jumbo*, *yam*, *cannibal* (from *Caribbean*: a slander that gave Shakespeare *Caliban*).

There is little documentation for creole, because it has been recognised only recently as a standard language, and there has been difficulty about agreeing a standard for writing it down. British broadcasters make asses of themselves with its pronunciation, having a go at the first two words of *Port au Prince* in media French, and then estuarising *Prince* to rhyme with "rinse", instead of Franco-nasalising with the Haitians like an American saying "dance". The rich gumbo of creole will take over from pure French. Next century, the Haitian Shakespeare will tell the sad story of Haiti in a language that straddles two worlds.



How many further links are missing?

The new fossils fit perfectly into Darwin's scheme, says **Nigel Hawkes**

Three thinkers above all have shaped the 20th century: Marx, Freud and Darwin. But as its end approaches, only one survives with his reputation intact.

The discovery of a hominid in Ethiopia who could be man's earliest ancestor adds another brick to the edifice Darwin constructed. The more we know, the more astounding his perception seems. Marx and Freud, by contrast, now appear mere creatures of their time, their ideas as seductive but as perishable as popular songs.

One of the central ideas of Darwin's *The Origin of Species* was that of common descent. Once he had understood that a single species of South American mockingbird had given rise to three separate species in the Galapagos Islands, he realised that a single ancestor might in the eternity of time produce descendants unrecognisably different. The tale would be told in the form of a branching diagram. Already in 1837, long before *The Origin* appeared, he was drawing such diagrams.

The fossils of *Australopithecus ramidus*, the discovery of which was announced this week, extend man's branch line back by one further station towards its origin. The little creature, which to our eyes would be barely distinguishable from an ape, lived four-and-a-half million years ago, a million years earlier than *Australopithecus afarensis*, the species to which the famous "Lucy" belonged, and hitherto our earliest ancestor.

Few sciences produce such abundant returns from so few fragments of fact as palaeontology. So uncertain has the story been that in the past each new find has required the entire book to be rewritten. But the beauty of this latest discovery is that it fits neatly into the scheme of things without requiring any rearrangement of the bones of the subject.

From analysis of genetic change, evolutionists believe that man diverged from the apes about six million years ago. If so, there must have been at least one — and possibly more than one — distinct species between the branching of the family tree and the emergence of Lucy and her kin, two-and-a-half million years later. The new finds fits into this vacancy with uncanny neatness.

Happily for evolutionists, however, it is not the last word. As Dr Chris Stringer of the Natural History Museum argues, there is not one missing link between man and the apes, there are millions. The lineage goes back six million years, during which time both branches of the tree have divided and divided into ever-more twigs. The link between modern man and modern apes is extremely distant.

Dr Stringer is right, of course, there are many links; but the idea of the missing link has an irresistible appeal. The actual term dates back beyond *The Origin of Species* to the geologist Sir Charles Lyell, who used it in 1851 to refer to gaps in the palaeontological record, though not to man. By 1862 the novelist George du Maurier was using the term, and in 1864 the zoologist George Busk issued an admonition that the fossils of Neanderthal Man should not be regarded as the missing link.

Darwin called his book "one long argument", and that description goes a long way towards explaining its continuing influence. Some of what he said has proved untrue — acquired characteristics, for instance, cannot be inherited as he thought — but the substance remains intact, providing both a programme of research for biologists and the central idea that transformed biology from stamp-collecting into a science.

Before Darwin, the most impressive thing about nature was its diversity, ranging all the way from the simplest plants to the most complex of vertebrates. After him, as the evolutionist Ernst Mayr has argued, this diversity took on an entirely different complexion, as it was realised that it could all be traced back to a common origin. The final proof came in the 1960s, when it was shown that even the humblest bacteria shared the same genetic code as animals and plants.

Darwin's other revolution was to displace man from his position as a creature apart. Even today this remains a touchy point, the source of continuing trouble in countries such as the United States, where fundamentalist Christianity retains a hold.

The Creationists have gone to great lengths to turn their beliefs into a science which can rival Darwin's, but the results have been unconvincing. It may be uncomfortable to be no more than another member of nature's menagerie, but at least we have the consolation of being the only one with the intelligence to work that out.

For many people, the most satisfying thing about this week's discovery will be that it shows palaeontology to be a normal science: one in which a theory is confirmed by experiment or observation. Not only does *Australopithecus ramidus* look right, but it has been found in the right place and dating from the right time. These fossils do not demand a new scheme, but they fit nicely into one that Darwin himself would have recognised and appreciated.

Why I'm backing Blair

Labour at last has a modern leader ready to sweep to power and end this sorry era

Bernard Levin

The longer and more frequently I contemplate Mr Blair, the more I like the cut of his jib. This has nothing to do with the alternative; I long ago concluded that the present Government was worm-eaten, exhausted, dishonest, incompetent, lazy, mendacious, ignorant, rotten, false, disreputable, deceitful, unsavoury, squalid, abominable, soiled, piratical, shifty, discreditable, infamous, improper, obscene, hateful, impure, degraded, dilapidated, shabby, grovelling, discredited, renownless, tarnished, disgraced, shameless, creeping, abject, two-faced, unscrupulous, villainous, treacherous, untrustworthy, prevaricating, sinister, crawling, insincere, fishy, spurious, unclean, felonious, infamous, venal, base, vile, bribable, rancid, disloyal, scheming, unsavoury, sickening, fetid, nauseating, putrid, defaulting, mouldering, evil, vicious, damnable, maleficent, wrong, ineffectual, mean, inferior, contemptible, superficial, irrelevant, expendable, powerless, pathetic, nugatory, impotent, jumped-up, cheap, insalubrious, flea-ridden, unsound, nasty, baneful, foul-tonged, cursed, unwarranted, execrable, damned, abnormal, unreasonable, virtueless, peccant, sinful, unworthy, hopeless, incorrigible, tergiversating, brutalised, nefarious, culpable, scandalous, worthless, flagitious, gross, indefensible and unpardonable — to say the least. But Blair, as far as I can see, is to be found on his own feet, not measuring by the scabrous (I missed that one) Lilliputians now arrayed against him.

The pitiful disarray into which the Tories have fallen (I am glad to say) is made clear by the way they have just been clutching at a straw so frail that even I almost shed a tear for them: it turns out that many years ago Mr Blair was a member of the Parliamentary Labour CND, along with some other 100 Labour MPs. (Well; it's obvious, isn't it? He calls himself Blair, but I happen to know his real name is Blairovich.)

So feeble was the attempt to smear Blair with such rubbish that I am surprised to see Heseltine — who, to do him justice, usually has more sense than to put his head into bags so ludicrous — trying to whip such rancid cream. But even before that, we learnt that the Tories were being asked to lay off attacking Blair and to turn their almost extinct fire on John Prescott: the great Tory brains had discovered (several months in arrears) that bashing Blair was doing nothing but making him better known and more to the liking of the voters, so Prescott, less *raffiné* than Blair and perhaps more accident-prone, was to be the target from now on. And that, dear readers, is the quality of the intelligence coming out of Central Office.

But I did not come here today to tell the Tories to go and drown themselves, though if I thought they would do so I would push them to the sharks by hundreds. No, I came here to say that I cannot see any reason at all why I should not vote Labour at the next general election, and that I shall therefore do so. Never mind that the election is more than a year off, for just as I cannot think of anything that would stop me voting Labour, so I cannot think of anything so tremendous that it would make the Tories less vile, less mendacious, less stupid and less corrupt.

Have you noticed the curious similarity between Mr Major and President Clinton? Neither of them has any idea of what to do, so Clinton is told by his dreadful advisers that it would be a good idea to invade Haiti, though I don't imagine that Clinton even knows where it is, and Major is similarly told by similar creatures that it would be useful for him to stand up to someone important in the EU. So he stood up to Mr Dehaene, though it was obvious that he didn't know what Dehaene did, or what his name was, couldn't have spelt it if he had, and quite certainly wouldn't have been able to pronounce it. Then everything goes as it obviously would: Clinton makes a complete shambles of the Haiti "invasion", and his standing with the American people slides further, and Major makes a complete shambles of the standing up bit, because the first time Jacques Santer opened his mouth after becoming President-designate it was to make clear that he was a passionate supporter of every scrap of the EU, and the British would have to come to heel.

Meanwhile, what of Mr Blair? Well, he will have a rocky ride when the comrades discover what kind of leader they have. Not long ago, I was discussing the culture of defeat: that strange, touching, deeply buried feeling that to win is wrong. Mr Blair is a man entirely untouched by such feelings; he is a modern man with a modern mind, and such absurdities are not for him. But the absurdities are for *someone*, he may be sure, and they have already shown their faces.

True, the culture of defeat is mixed up in this case with something much more mundane, but much more dangerous for him. I have been collecting empty defeat-bottles for a long time now. Would you like to hear them rattle? Here goes:

A huge headline reads "Lay off the unions, warns Blunkett"; for those who don't know, Mr Blunkett is not a Tory Cabinet minister who is being warned to lay off, he is a stalwart of the unions. Better still (or do I mean worse?), Mr Monks, general secretary of the TUC, says that "the unions will not tolerate being marginalised under a Labour government". Under a *Labour* government? That's what the gentleman said.

And how delicately and with what enormous charm did Mr Jinkinson, general secretary of Unison, question Mr Blair's veracity: "I don't know what the depth of Mr Blair's commitment to the national minimum wage is. I hope that what he said was sincere, that he meant it and that he will deliver."

And with what pain, with what longing for a blunt instrument, with what yearning to leave all this business and become a Trappist monk (not to be confused with Mr John Monks) must Mr Blair face weekly, daily and hourly the demands from the comrades that he should give his unqualified support to the striking railwaymen (though psephologists have worked out that Jimmy Knapp loses on an average 17,834 votes an hour to the Tories, and that that figure would be at least twice as large if anybody could understand a word he says), and similarly face the clamour for the idea of a minimum wage, when he knows that such lunacy can do nothing but harm his chances of winning power.

And when it comes to the Hains and the Primarolos and Wedgwood Benns I cannot but believe that it is the love of losing that is here in play, particularly because it is the most blinkered of the Labour Left who are demanding the impossible; it is these in whose eyes that there gleam and tremble the signs of the Single Issue Fanatic. And I begin to be certain when I contemplate the social justice commission that the Labour Party is setting up; already, there are demands from some of the comrades that it be overruled: if it questions the need for universal benefits", and — still better for my thesis — another group aren't even waiting for the commission to come into existence: they are "concerned to make clear that the views of the commission are not Labour Party policy". (As for the Lib-Dems, I have never seen so passionate a prayer for failure as the one organised by those who voted for a minimum wage, pushed through the "cannabis is lovely" motion and solemnly decided that the Queen should stay on the throne.)

Never mind: though Mr Blair will go bald with tearing out his hair in the frustrations put before his feet by his comrades, the knell has sounded and will not now be silenced. The Tory tide is going out, far and fast.

I have been astonished, for about as long as Major has been Prime Minister (some four years), to find that I am alone in saying that the next general election will not just be a win for Labour but a slaughter for the Tories. This is not just reading the record of the stink of lies and failure and cheating and incompetence; it goes deeper, and with every month deeper still. Ignore the pollsters and the past; the British people are sick of what is ruling them, and they will have them rule no more, until the Tories are cleansed by years of being out of office. And at last Labour has found a leader to win and to deserve to win. From now until polling day I am a Blairite, and then I shall give three thousand cheers as he enters 10 Downing Street.

Out of the bag

ASSURANCES about "friendly relations" between Baroness Thatcher and her successor notwithstanding, there's little weeping in John Major's camp at the news that her ladyship will make only a fleeting appearance at next month's party conference. But she will certainly be there in spirit. For a video of her Commons performances during her last year in office will, I am told, be on sale to the faithful in Bournemouth.

There's a decidedly anti-EU bias in the 30-minute film, presented by Lord Tebbit and produced by Parliamentary Films Ltd. Tebbit lingers menacingly over Lord Howe's lethal resignation speech and Michael Heseltine's European views. "Yes, I am both actor and narrator", agreed the peer. "It was a challenging film to make because it was produced on a shoestring and I did not use an autocue. My part was filmed in a hotel room in London and I had to learn a script". His office also assures me that W.H. Smith has been inundated with requests for copies.

Meanwhile, Tebbit, who disrupted the conference so effectively two years ago, unashamedly uses the video to make it clear that the fight is not yet over. Even the title — *No! No! No!* — refers to the famous Thatcher reaction to Jacques Delors. Tebbit grins: "I don't know if she has seen it herself yet, but the title should remind people what she was saying 'No! No! No!' to. My goodness she was right."

● *No sartorial detail is being left to chance by Social Security Secretary Peter Lilley. His wife, Gail, a former fashion designer, has chosen the tie he will wear for his speech at the Tory conference. I understand that the flamboyant Italian item will outshine even the passionate purple number he wore last year.*

Snake pit

FISTS were flying at Monty Python's 25th anniversary media circus held in the Museum of the Moving Image on Wednesday. As Pythons Cleese, Palin, Jones and Gilliam cut a birthday cake, the press scrum was distinctly short on humour, surrealism and even silly walks.

Eric Idle was absent, John Cleese apparently had to have his arm twisted to turn up, and teeth were noticeably gritted as the harassed publicity folk struggled to keep pugilistic snappers apart.

"I'm not a great one for these events, because people have to be terribly jolly about all this," sighed Michael Palin as we cowered in a quieter niche. "It's rather a strain — but fortunately we can get it all over in one night."

Very silly

IF conference-watchers regard Paddy Ashdown's Lib Dems as potty, just wait for the 109th Liberal assembly — the bash for the rump of old Libs who refused to merge with the SDP, which starts in Morecambe today.

The agenda suggests that conscientious objectors could opt out of paying part of their income tax, and recommends the compulsory introduction of Esperanto.

● *Emergency workers who helped to mop up during January's disastrous floods around Chichester are to receive commemorative ties and scarves. The traditional nine martlets of the West Sussex county arms have been neatly replaced by yellow rubber ducks.*

Lead times

DESPITE a stern ticking off for "flawed" leadership this week, Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Neill is sporting a rather broad grin. He is close to signing a deal with the BBC for his diaries and self-made videos of the 16 days that his ill-fated army expedition spent trapped in Low's Gully. A sum well into five figures is mentioned, I hear.

The material will be used in an hour-long documentary to coincide with publication of Neill's book, which is being "ghosted" by Duff Hart-Davis and is due next March. Neill's agent is coy, but a friend defends his motives. "They took a camera because Major (Ron) Foster's wife works for a company that makes them. They never planned to cash in. And they kept diaries because it was an army expedition," he says. "The book and film were the last things on their minds."

● *Months may have passed, but Alan Clark is still bitter about the way his* Diaries *were received. Reviewing Ginny Dougary's new book in this week's* Speciator, *he lists his critics. David Mellor, Roy Hattersley and commentator Alan Watkins all get off fairly lightly. But Michael Dobbs is not so lucky. Clark writes of the new Tory deputy chairman: "And I think Mr Michael Dobbs also said something nasty, but he's so dim I didn't keep the cutting."*



Double-take

WATERLOO BRIDGE features prominently in the life of Richard Bonneville at the moment. He is currently starring in the title role of Dick Dudgeon in *The Devil's Disciple* at the National Theatre, but he tears across the bridge several times a day in search of his alter ego. For he is also Hugh Williams, making his producing debut with *Beautiful Thing*, opening on Monday at the Duke of York's.



Bonneville: a bit of dash

"I try to keep it quiet, although it's come out now," admits Williams/Bonneville over his permanently warm mobile phone. "I'm Hugh Williams by day and Richard Bonneville by night. In fact my real name is Hugh Richard Bonneville Williams." Life's been frenetic for the past fortnight, as his rehearsals in St Martin's Lane clash with appearances on the South Bank. "With my fat legs it takes about 17 minutes to sprint from the National to the Duke's," he puffs. "But it's easier on the way back — it's downhill."

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DISSOLUTION OF DREAMS

Ashdown lowers his sights and looks the wrong way

Only two years ago the Liberal Democrats dreamt of a realignment of the Left in British politics. The centre party would replace Labour as the progressive opposition to the Tories, either on its own, or with the help of a breakaway band of moderate Labour MPs. As that vision has dissolved before Paddy Ashdown's eyes, the leader of the Liberal Democrats now has to make do with a far less exalted ambition: to ensure that his party's votes are not wholly plundered by Tony Blair.

His aspirations have had to fall a long way fast. By yesterday, at the end of his chaotic party conference, Mr Ashdown was desperately trying to persuade the electorate that the Liberal Democrats could still make a difference to British politics in alliance with a Labour government. His tactics were risky. Instead of promising that the centre party would moderate a left-wing Labour administration, he is suggesting the opposite: Labour in power would be conservative and boring, and only partnership with the Liberal Democrats would ensure real change.

This is a perverse claim for Mr Ashdown to make. Few voters know much about, or care much about, Liberal Democrat policies. They merely see the party as a safe alternative to the Conservatives, in contrast to Labour which might be dangerously radical. Those voters whom he ought to be trying to attract are former Tories who are disaffected enough with the Government to vote elsewhere. Is he really likely to woo them to his party with promises of greater radicalism than Labour? More probably they will take the fast train from Conservative to Labour, without stopping off on the way at the centre party. Then the result would be the majority Labour government, with no Liberal Democrat influence, that Mr Ashdown so fears.

After witnessing this year's gathering, voters might well wonder what added value the centre party could offer a Labour government. Intellectual rigour? Hardly, from a party that seems to choose a different higher rate tax for each day of the week and has gone back to endorsing a minimum wage. Discipline? Not from a party that delights in embarrassing its leadership as much as the old Liberals did in the 1980s. Moderation? Not on the evidence of this week's policies. Efficiency? If Mr Ashdown cannot even control his conference agenda committee, he will have a hard job helping to run the country.

Voters forgive a party's failings most easily when its alternative seems even more flawed. If Labour continues to improve its standing, the electorate will become less willing to tolerate flaws in the other parties. Yet the Liberal Democrats, who have indulged themselves for years in petty intra-party fights in the confidence that voters would still back them, have displayed little understanding of the changed political climate. In response to the new competition they are becoming less effective, not more so. At least some of their policies used to be more sensible than those of Labour. It is hard to make that claim today.

Mr Ashdown has to get a grip. He needs to start work now to ensure that the shenanigans of this week cannot be repeated next year. He should reassert his authority over the policymaking process so that ill-thought out papers on tax or minimum wages do not make their way into the public domain. And he must rethink his tactics. The Liberal Democrats have nothing to gain from outflanking Labour.

HOME FROM HAITI

November's elections loom and Clinton is in trouble

This week one of the administration's few reliable allies in Congress, Mike Synar of Oklahoma, lost his seat in a Democratic primary this week: as one southern Democrat is said to have observed, "Clinton's about as popular here as Satan." Congressman Synar's problem was to be left-leaning Southern Democrat who dared to support gun control and increased taxes on tobacco. But in the North West too the President's friends were floundering: House Speaker Tom Foley faces a tough reelection struggle after a poor primary showing. Although the polls show the President's standing improving since the bloodless Haiti landings, his current approval rating of 44 per cent is no basis for Democrat victories in November's mid-term elections.

The Republicans need only to gain seven seats to win outright control of the Senate and 40 to recapture the House of Representatives for the first time in four decades. Even with half those gains they could hold effective sway by making common cause with conservative Democrats. The "Comeback Kid" should never be written off: but he has once again to repeat his famous trick.

Mr Clinton's temporary rise in the polls followed earlier ratings which suggest no post-war President, not even Jimmy Carter, has been so unpopular or inspired less confidence in his first term. The President's plans to introduce universal healthcare, the centrepiece of his programme, are in ruins and the tortuous passage of his crime Bill availed him little. The Whitewater affair has claimed two more victims and acquired, in Kenneth Starr, a new and markedly less sympathetic prosecutor. Nor can the occupation of Haiti be guaranteed to help. More camera shots of brutal *attachés* clubbing innocent coconut-sellers under the eyes of American GIs will play badly in Peoria, while the Republicans have made political capital out of the President's motives for intervention in the first place. As Britain may find to its cost, Ireland may become more attractive foreign policy territory for the Administration. The current conventional wisdom is Mr Clinton's is a lame-duck presidency. That will be bad news for all who have come to rely on leadership from Washington.

Republicans contenders are not yet ready to exploit the president's troubles. Neither the old and waspish Senate minority leader, Robert Dole, nor former Vice President Dan Quayle nor Senator Phil Gramm of Texas are sure bets to make a fight of it. There is one man, however, whom the White House fears above the obvious contenders. General Colin Powell, the former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and architect of the Gulf war victory, is increasingly being wooed by Republicans to become their new Eisenhower. Mr Clinton's friends are similarly, and less plausibly, talking about Mr Powell as a replacement for Secretary of State, Warren Christopher. If Mr Powell shared a ticket with a Republican who had strong links to the political machine of the religious right, perhaps President Bush's "drugs czar" William Bennett, he could make a formidable opponent. Some Republicans who take an ideological view of politics dread this outcome as much as the President does.

BEHOLD THE MAN

The 'missing link' appeals to the oldest human instincts

The discovery of the "missing link" in an Ethiopian village is far more than a scientific marvel. The emergence of *Australopithecus ramidus* from the African dust after more than four million years answers the ancient human need to glimpse the thousands of generations on whose shoulders we stand. To see these fossils in the palm of a hand is to conquer time momentarily.

For centuries, the Western mind has struggled to come to terms with the sheer antiquity of the human species. Medieval scholars manufactured mythical genealogies which traced the descent of royal families from biblical and mythical ancestors. That was much easier for them than estimating the chronology of man. In 1654, Archbishop James Ussher claimed that the Creation had taken place in the year 4,004 BC. Though the precision of his estimate was unusual, it reflected the contemporary belief that all human history must be reconciled with the evidence of scripture; for this reason, fossilised remains were regarded with great suspicion — or simply misunderstood — until very recently.

Not until the second half of the last century did biological theory and archaeological evidence conspire to demolish this myth. Darwin's *Origin of Species* encapsulated a new desire to explain human history as a slow process of biological and intellectual improvement rather than the unfolding of the divine will. The doctrine of progress replaced the doctrine of providence. The idea of human perfectibility has been discredited by the 20th century experience of totalitarianism; but the basic belief in human improvement remains strong. Our interest in these ancient remains reflects a faith in the possibilities of the future as much as a fascination with the past. The unearthing of the missing link will add flesh to the bones of prehistory. In most respects, little is known of the development of the species in the millennia between the emergence of primates 70 million years ago and the first cave paintings of around 20,000 BC. Stone tools and archaeological evidence of burial rituals paint only a partial picture of the *mores* and identity of our distant ancestors.

There are still enormous gaps in our knowledge of the paths that took man's ancestors from the tropical forests of sub-Saharan Africa and into other continents. Recent work on Javanese fossils, for example, has thrown into question the date of the departure of *homo erectus* from Africa. The Ethiopian find is appealing because it gives fresh clarity to a mysterious period in the development of mankind.

Study of the *Australopithecus ramidus* will surely challenge many assumptions about early man. This week, a million years were suddenly added to the history of mankind; the list of those who have lived and died as human beings is now unimaginably longer. The range of scientific questions raised by the find is vast. But the dominant emotion which it will inspire is awe. Like the 5,000 year-old iceman found in 1991 and the Iron Age bodies memorably recorded in P.V. Glob's *The Bog People*, these fossils are part of an elemental heritage generated by chance and shared by all humanity. To behold the remains of man's oldest ancestor transcends any sense of the past that can be derived from written sources or ancient artefacts. For in the dark glass of this long-buried relic may be seen the origins of history itself.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Response needed on prison report

From Lady Wall, JP

Sir, Your leader of September 14 on the question of ultimate responsibility for the prison system strikes a particular chord for the Board of Visitors at HMP Wandsworth.

We sent our annual report for 1993 (a statutory requirement) to the Home Secretary in March. It is the only current report on Wandsworth within the public domain.

We specifically requested responses on three issues: a delay in the planned refurbishment of the dilapidated remand wing; the urgent need for a full fire inspection; and the implementation of the Prison Board policy which requires staff to wear name badges. The failure to implement the third of these issues calls into question the authority of the Prison Service itself, since it is not a matter on which the governor can proceed unilaterally.

These are serious and proper concerns which fall entirely within our remit under the prison rules. To date I have not received any substantive responses from the Home Secretary.

Boards are specifically appointed to advise and inform the Secretary of State. We do not have any such statutory obligation to the Director General of the Prison Service, Derek Lewis. If the cumulative experience of boards is disregarded, the Home Secretary alone is responsible.

Boards of Visitors are unpaid in order to underpin their complete independence, as recommended by Lord Woolf in his authoritative report. They, and HM Inspectorate of Prisons, are the only source of independent advice available to ministers.

Why then have we not received responses to our annual report six months after submission?

Yours faithfully,
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September 19.

Brutality in Haiti

From the Director of Amnesty International, British Section

Sir, The reports (September 21, 22) of Haitian police brutality against demonstrators seem to me to confirm fears that the impunity granted for human rights violators in the agreement between the US government and the Haitian military puts the population in danger. Amnesty International remains convinced that respect for human rights in Haiti will not be established until those who are responsible for violations are made to answer for their crimes.

The UN General Assembly will vote later this year on whether to establish a permanent international criminal court to deal with gross human rights violations. In the long term an international court could help depoliticise the search for truth, the exoneration of the innocent and prosecution of the guilty, by taking responsibility for investigation and trial out of the national context.

In the meantime every effort should be made to prevent further human rights abuses in Haiti. There is an urgent need for the resumption of independent international human rights monitoring in Haiti and a long-term commitment to the development of a fair and impartial judicial system.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID BULL,
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September 22.

Child victims

From Dr Margaret White, JP

Sir, The president of the British Psychological Society (letter, September 17) alleges that there is no evidence of any significance that children suffer when they have a single natural parent.

As deputy chairman of the Croydon juvenile bench I kept records of the family background of the children brought before us for over a year; 84 per cent came from broken homes.

I dealt with 21 cases of "baby battering" in the criminal court; in only one case was the male who was cohabiting with the mother the father of the child victim.

Yours truly,
MARGARET WHITE,
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Croydon, Surrey.
September 17.

Stamp-duty on cheques

From Mrs L. R. Long

Sir, What are the drawbacks to reinstating stamp-duty on cheques? It would bring in an easily collected tax which will surely not cause any hardship or scope for fraud.

Yours faithfully,
L. R. LONG,
Ceres, Shobdon,
Leominster, Herefordshire.
September 20.

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Safety precautions at Getty Museum

From the Director of the J. Paul Getty Museum

Sir, I am grateful to Mrs Robina Lund Langley (letter, September 17) for providing the opportunity to counter some of the reckless aspersions cast upon the safety of the collections of the Getty Museum.

It would seem that Mr Getty took note of her wise questioning in the 1960s. He ensured that his Malibu museum was designed and built to the highest specifications. He engaged as consultant seismologists no less than Lindvall, Richter & Associates. In design, materials and construction, he insisted on all codes, common practice and specifications being well exceeded. As a result, such additional protection that more recent technology can provide has involved only minimal work.

The works of art are similarly protected. As far as earth movement is concerned, we have designed unique devices which isolate objects from shock. Thus, on no occasion since its completion in 1973 have the museum building or its valuable collections sustained any but the most trivial damage from earthquake or, for that matter, any other hazard, including fire.

The Getty Museum has an international reputation for having set standards for the care of collections and preparedness for emergencies which other museums are now adopting. *The Three Graces* would be safe at Malibu.

In 1997, a new Getty Museum will open some one and a half miles from the existing museum, which will then house only antiquities. That new museum is similarly being built to the highest and most meticulous specifications, which I believe exceed the levels of security and protection provided by any museum in the world against any risks of damage, including acts of God.

We share Mrs Lund Langley's concern for works of art in the care of major museums around the world. The Getty shares its resources and knowledge with others internationally, through the museum and the Getty Conservation Institute. Many British institutions have benefited from grants for care and conservation of art and architecture made through the Getty Grant Programme.

As far as *The Three Graces* are concerned, a statue whose condition we have studied with care, we are appalled by the suggestion that its future might involve display at and movement between two museums, and possible loan to another overseas.

I should be surprised if there were to be any expert in sculpture who would countenance such a proposal. It involves a degree of risk that should not be acceptable to anyone whose responsibility is the preservation of the statue for future generations. Whoever becomes the owner, *The Three Graces* should now have a permanent home from which they are never again moved.

Yours faithfully,
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September 17.

Priorities for Liberal Democrats

From Mr Geyve Walker

Sir, Simon Jenkins ("Seaside sideshow", September 21) asks why the Liberal Democrats do not make an immediate pact with Labour to increase the chances of a Lib-Lab alliance after the next election.

His own answer to his question, that "local Liberals would not wear it", is way off beam. The true answer is that the first priority of every Liberal Democrat is to present to the electorate a Liberal Democrat policy platform which is neither Labour nor Conservative. The increasing number of people who vote for us expect us to fight for our policies against both the old parties. This means no electoral pacts before the election and a free hand to exploit whatever influence we might have after it.

Of course under the present voting system that influence will probably not reflect the proportion of votes which we attain. Our constitution, like the House of Commons itself, is designed for two-party politics but the electorate have made it plain that they not only want a third party, but they want a system which guarantees each party fair and proportional representation. They suspect, I believe rightly, that this is the only way to ensure that the government of the day once more becomes accountable to their wishes.

Yours faithfully,
GEYVE WALKER
(Prospective parliamentary candidate for Penrith and the Border),
The Old Vicarage, Barton,
Tirril, Penrith, Cumbria.

From Mr Andrew Mitchell

Sir, The simple reason why the Liberal Democrats attract media attention is that they command the support of around a fifth of the voters of this country.

As for Simon Jenkins's extraordinary criticism of the composition of the party as farmers, developers, gays, the retired, etc, which Western political party does not consist of a coalition of widely diverse interests?

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW MITCHELL,
56 Esmond Road, W4.
September 21.

From Mr Vincent Burke

Sir, The Liberal Democrats' policy of allowing girls as young as 11 to go on the pill, prescribed by a doctor without the knowledge of the parents (report, later editions, September 16), must now raise the question of whether they will support an amendment to section 5 of the Sexual Offences Act 1956, which makes it an offence for a man to have sexual intercourse with a girl under the age of 13.

They will also require to amend the Accessories and Abettors Act of 1861 so doctors will not be faced with the possibility of being charged with aiding, abetting or counselling a criminal offence.

Yours etc,
VINCENT BURKE,
15-17 Stanley Street,
Liverpool 1.
September 22.

Doubts about beavers

From Sir Christopher Lever

Sir, I have no wish to resurrect the controversy about the proposal to reintroduce the beaver to Britain, which was thoroughly aired in an article I wrote as long ago as August 29, 1978, and in your correspondence columns at that time, but the report by your environment correspondent (September 17) that consideration is again being given to the re-introduction of this animal to Britain fills me with concern.

Although it is true that beavers can be beneficial to other wildlife species by their creation of wetlands, their potentiality for damage, for example to commercially valuable timber and by flooding farmland, especially in a country so demographically different from those to which they have been reintroduced in continental Europe, far outweighs any possible advantages.

If the Government does decide to proceed with this re-introduction, I strongly urge that the planting is made on an off-shore island from which beavers could not gain access to the mainland.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER LEVER,
Newell House, Winkfield,
Windsor, Berkshire.

From Dr Ian Richardson

Sir, Roy Dennis of Scottish Natural Heritage may be right in that re-introducing beavers would be beneficial to the Highland scenery. There are areas where if allowed they could establish themselves and "create wetlands".

However, the problem here in Badenoch, in the central Highlands, is getting rid of the wetlands. During the spring thaw the River Spey at Laggan goes from 30 yards to a mile and a quarter wide. Strathspey, that fertile ribbon of land on either side of the river, was hard won years ago with a series of embankments.

Arable land here is scarce and precious and it seems incredible that parts of it have been included in "set aside".

What would happen to the beavers? We have some indication. Some years ago a keeper on the upper reaches of the Spey noticed a strange creature disporting itself in the shallows so he shot it dead, to the annoyance of a wild-life park which had been searching for its lost beaver.

Yours faithfully,
IAN RICHARDSON,
Mullach-Na-Beinne,
Laggan,
Newtonmore, Highland.
September 18.

Selective schools

From Mr R. J. Kennedy

Sir, Fred Naylor gives "Three cheers for grammar schools" (Education Viewpoint, September 19).

Why do we not hear "Three cheers for secondary modern schools" from those in favour of selection? It is those schools that educate and care for the majority of pupils within a selective scheme.

Yours faithfully,
R. J. KENNEDY
(Headteacher),
Upper Wharfedale School,
Wharfeside Avenue, Threshfield,
Skipton, North Yorkshire.
September 21.

Safety in taxis

From Mr Guy Selby-Lowndes

Sir, In his letter (September 20) Mr Wentworth Beaumont states that you cannot tell which taxis have or have not got seatbelts until you are half way inside them. This is not so. All taxis with an initial letter E, or a subsequent letter of the alphabet, on their number plate will have rear seatbelts; they were registered after the installation of seatbelts became mandatory.

Yours faithfully,
GUY SELBY-LOWNDES,
Moonrakers,
Durfold Wood, Plaistow,
Billingshurst, West Sussex.
September 21.

Separatism and Scottish votes

From the Shadow Secretary of State for Scotland

Sir, Magnus Linklater ("Scotland is in English hands", earlier editions, September 20) refers to my warnings about nationalism as "apparent paranoia" in the context of the "lulling" policies of Scotland's Nationalists. He points to their conference agenda with its "seatbelts in school buses" call as evidence of their unthreatening and benign nature. However, the point of my Frankfurt speech to the 21st Century Trust was to gravely warn those tempted, indeed "lulled", into voting for nationalists on these safe and populist issues about the real dangers of doing so.

It is true that the Scottish Nationalists did gather more votes in the 1994 elections and did capture control of Grampian and Tayside councils as well as the Scotland North-East Euro-seat. But since these areas are the very ones which in the 1992 general election swung to the Tories, answering the call to "save the Union", it is scarcely credible that in 1994 the same people voted for a separate Scottish state. Yet every vote harvested for belts in buses or from angry fishermen and farmers, or from those mad at their local council, is portrayed by the nationalists as a vote for separation.

Last week in Canada only 44.7 per cent of the people of Quebec voted for the separatists (report, September 14). Opinion polls in Quebec show a consistent majority against wrenching the province out of Canada. However, the Parti Québécois, with a majority of seats gathered on the basis of discontent and protest, is now embarking on the messy and economically damaging process of unscrambling the Canadian Federation.

It is hardly the basis of "paranoia" to suggest that people in Scotland and Quebec or wherever should be warned of the dangers of voting for nationalist-separatists. Most of these parties certainly start off benign, but look where so many of them end.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE ROBERTSON
(MP for Hamilton),
House of Commons.
September 20.

Kashmir's future

From Mr Michael Colvin, MP for Romsey and Waterside (Conservative)

Sir, Your reports (September 17, 22) that India is to try to restore democracy in Jammu and Kashmir are welcome, but the attempt is unlikely to succeed unless the conditions for free and fair elections are established and enforced by an independent body.

Denied the plebiscite on their future promised by Lord Mountbatten in 1947 and backed by numerous UN resolutions since, it is hardly surprising that the predominantly Muslim people of Jammu and Kashmir are in a militant mood.

The British Commonwealth should appoint a commission of eminent persons to report on the situation and prepare the ground for a plebiscite, rather than the proposed elections.

I believe Britain would be ready to mediate, perhaps as chairman of talks under the Indo-Pakistan Simla agreement of 1972, if invited by both sides to do so. Pakistan would welcome Britain's help, so the prospects for peace now rest on India's invitation to Britain to play such a role.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL COLVIN,
House of Commons.

Public service

From Mr Michael Nield

Sir, Your obituary of Sir William Nield (September 20) comments on the propriety of his move to Rolls-Royce (1971) Ltd three years after he had been involved with the aero-engine industry while in the Cabinet Office.

At the time the company was owned and controlled by the Government. He went to it because the Government asked him to do so. To that extent the move was an extension of his public service.

In the circumstances the propriety of his move to the company was unquestionable, even by the highest standards. Apart from Rolls-Royce he took no directorships or employment after his retirement from government service.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL NIELD,
21 Birchwood Avenue, N10.

Cricket on the hearth

From Mrs A. J. Asser

Sir, There is a cricket living under our Aga. It has been singing loudly at times during the past three weeks. Last night it came out and we saw it get hold of a bit of parsley which had dropped on the floor and which it dragged back under the stove.

I would be happy to feed it with parsley and to put up with its resounding call, but I have read that the female can lay up to a thousand eggs in one season. Ought I to view it as pet or pest?

Yours faithfully,
JANE ASSER,
Tadmarton Manor,
Banbury, Oxfordshire.
September 14.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
September 22: The Princess Royal. Colonel-in-Chief, Royal Logistic Corps, this morning visited 29 Regiment at South Cerney, Wiltshire.

Mrs Charles Ritchie was in attendance.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, British Executive Services Overseas, this afternoon attended the Annual General Meeting at the Department of Trade and Industry, Kinesgate House, Victoria Street, London, SW1.

KENSINGTON PALACE
September 22: The Duke of Gloucester, Honorary Colonel, this morning received Lieutenant Colonel Martin Coulson on relinquishing Command of The Royal Monmouthshire Royal Engineers (Militia) and Lieutenant Colonel Peter Gilbert on assuming Command.

The Duchess of Gloucester was present this evening at a Reception to mark the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth's Foundation for Disabled People at Spencer House, St James Palace, London, SW1.

Mrs Michael Wigley was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
September 22: The Duke of Kent, President, the Royal Armouries Develoment Trust, this afternoon laid the Foundation Stone of the Royal Armouries Museum, Waterloo House, Waterloo Street, Leeds, West Yorkshire, and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for West Yorkshire (Mr John Lyles).

Captain Alexander Tetley was in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal, as President of Riding for the Disabled Association, will open the Sauchieburn Centre, Sauchie Estate, Bannockburn, at 12.30; as President of the Save the Children Fund, will open the new Scottish Education Office, Jordanhill, Glasgow, at 2.45; and, as Patron of SENSE, The National Deaf-Blind and Rubella Association, will visit the SENSE Scotland, Unit 5/2, 8 Elliot Place, at 3.25. Later, she will open the Scottish European Masters showjumping championships at the Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre, Glasgow, at 6.15.

The Duchess of Gloucester, as Patron of the National Asthma Campaign, will attend the Ascot charity race day at Ascot at 12.10.

The Duchess of Kent will preside at the Writtle College graduation ceremony in Chelmsford Cathedral at 11.30.

Fulbright Commission

The US-UK Fulbright Commission announces that Fulbright Scholarships for postgraduate study in the United Kingdom in 1994-95 have been awarded to the following 35 American graduate students:

C Barry (Tufts Univ) LSE, Internat Relatns; J Bird (Pennsylvania Univ) Queen's Coll, Oxford, History; S Bucking (SUNY/Empire State Coll) Trinity Coll, Cambridge, Classics; D Christensen (Univ of Calif, Berkeley) Trinity Coll, Cambridge, Internat Relatns; C Decker (Yale Univ) Trinity Coll, Cambridge, English Lit; C Denault (Iowa Univ) Kent Univ at Canterbury, Internat Relatns; B Eggleston (Washington and Lee Univ) Edinburgh Univ, Philosophy; J Friedman (Vassar Coll) Merton Coll, Oxford, Mathematics/Philosophy; D W Godfrey (Yale Univ) Edinburgh Coll of Art, Sculpture; K Grant (Univ of Calif Berkeley) King's Coll, London, History; B Gray (School of the Art Inst of Chicago) British Film Inst, Cinema and Television; S Gubser (Princeton Univ) St John's Coll, Cambridge, Physics; M Hagle (Yale School of Music) Maria Curcio Diamand Studio, London, Piano; A Hall (Yale Univ) Christ Church, Oxford, Linguistics; C Jackson (Yale Univ) Nat Library, Aberystwyth, History; M K Jones (Bryn Mawr Coll) London School of Hygiene and Trop Medicine, Public Health; D Kiernan (Chicago Univ) Inst of Hist Research, London, History; J Levin (Stanford Univ) Nuffield Coll, Oxford, Economics; P Lin (Univ of Calif, Berkeley, Inst of Hist Research, London, History; C McHone (New Mexico Univ) Salford Univ, Landscape Architecture; T Miranowski (Duke Univ) Christ Church, Oxford, European Studies; D Ricks (Utah Univ) London School of Hygiene and Trop Medicine, Medical Sciences; M Shaffer (Penn State Univ) Peterhouse, Cambridge, Internat Relatns; T Thweatt (Northwestern Univ) Trevor Wye Studio, Flute; T Tierney (Creighton Univ) St John's Coll, Oxford, Physiology; F Trester (Yale School of Music) tuition with Prof Alexander Goehr, Music Composition; D Wang (Texas A & M Univ) Univ of Kent at Canterbury, English Lit; M Waxman (Yale Univ) King's Coll London, War Studies; S Wilkens (North Carolina Univ, Chapel Hill) LSE, Internat Relatns; P Williams (Stanford Law School) Sidney Sussex Coll, Cambridge, Law; J Winn (MIT) Churchill Coll, Cambridge, Mathematics; B Wyly (Yale Univ) Emmanuel Coll, Cambridge, English Lit; M Yairi (Illinois Univ) Peterhouse, Cambridge, Economics; D Yost (Univ of California, Santa Cruz) Oxford Univ, Law, Fulbright Lusk Memorial Scholarship; T Lotz (Louisiana State Univ) Royal Coll of Art, London, Painting.

Receptions

Fulbright Commission
A reception was held last night at the American Embassy in honour of the 40th group of American Fulbright Grantees in the United Kingdom. Mr Edward C. McBride, cultural attaché at the embassy and chairman of the commission, and Mr James Moore, executive director, welcomed the guests.

The UK 200 Group
Professor Sir Roland Smith, Chairman of Hepworth plc, and Mr Roger Lawson, President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants England & Wales, were guests at a reception held last night for members of the UK 200 Group of Practising Chartered Accountants and their guests at the East India Club, St James's.

Memorial services

Brigadier Helen Cattanach
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Brigadier Helen Cattanach, former Matron-in-Chief (Army) and Director of Army Nursing Services, QARANC, was held yesterday at St Andrew's Garrison Church of Scotland, Aldershot. The Rev Philip L. Majcher, the Rev T.B.F. Hiney and Mgr J. O'Sullivan officiated. Brigadier H.S. Dixon-Nuttall, Director of Army Nursing Services, led the QARANC collect. Major-General Sir Christopher Airy, Chairman of the "Not Forgotten" Association, and Major-General J.T. Coull, RAMC, read the lessons. Brigadier Joan Moriarty gave the valediction. Among others present were:

Mr and Mrs Denis Funnell (brother-in-law and sister), Mr Ian Funnell, Miss Heather Funnell, Mr and Mrs J Fraser, Mr Simon Fraser, Mr and Mrs K McFarlane, Mr Keith McFarlane, Mr Neil McFarlane and Mr and Mrs G Cattanach.

Field Marshal Lord Bramall, KG, Air Marshal Sir Denis Crowley-Milling and Admiral Sir David Williams (presidents, "Not Forgotten" Association), Colonel D G M Anderson (Colonel Commandant, QARANC), with Brigadier V.M. Rooke (Matron-in-Chief (Army) and director, Army Nursing Services); representatives of The Royal Scottish Corporation, the McPherson Clan and many other friends and associates from organisations with links with QARANC.

Mr Stan Gebler Davies
A memorial service for Mr Stan Gebler Davies, writer and journalist, was held yesterday at St Etheldreda's, Ely Place. Father Kit Cunningham officiated. Mrs Gebler Davies, widow, read the lesson and Miss Jeananne Crowley read from Stan Gebler Davies' *James Joyce: A Portrait of the Artist*. Lord Fitt and Miss Mary Kenny gave addresses.

Dr Leda Taylor

A memorial service for the life of Leda Taylor will be held at the Greek Cathedral, Moscow Road, on Monday, September 26, at 11.00am.

Luncheons

Carlton Club
Sir Leon Brittan, QC, a Commissioner of the European Communities, was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the Political Committee of the Carlton Club held yesterday at the club. Mr Giles Chichester, MEP, chairman of the committee, presided. Mr Robert Walter also spoke.

Canada-UK Chamber of Commerce
Mr Guy Saint-Pierre, President and Chief Executive Officer of the SNC-Lavalin Group, was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the Canada-United Kingdom Chamber of Commerce held yesterday at Stationers' Hall. Mr Denis R. Keast, president of the chamber, presided. The Canadian Deputy High Commissioner, Lord Marsh and the Agent General for Quebec were among those present.

Bankers Club
The Lord Mayor, accompanied by Mr Sheriff Jeremy Gotch, was entertained at luncheon yesterday at the Bankers Club by Mr Keith Whitson, chairman. Colonel J.C.M. Ansell, Swordbearer, was also present.

Dinner

Anchorites
Vice-Admiral Sir James Weatherall, Marshall of the Diplomatic Corps, was the principal guest at the monthly dinner of the Anchorites held last night at the Café Royal. Commander I.D. Somerville-Jones presided.

Appointment

Commodore A.J.C. Morrow RN to be Commodore Royal Yachts in succession to Rear Admiral R.N. Woodard from March 1995.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Augustus, Roman emperor 27 BC-AD 14, Rome, 63 BC; Jeremy Collier, writer, Stow Qui, Cambridgeshire, 1650; William Archer, journalist and dramatic critic, Perth, Scotland, 1856; Baroness Emmuska Orczy, novelist, Tara-Örs, Hungary, 1865; Walter Pidgeon, film actor, East St John, Canada, 1897; Paul Delvaux, surrealist painter, Belgium, 1897; Aldo Moro, five times Prime Minister of Italy, Maglie, Lecce, 1916.

DEATHS: Robert Dodsley, poet and dramatist, Durham, 1764; Richard Bonington, landscape painter, London, 1828; Prosper Mérimée, novelist, Cannes, 1870; Urbain Le Verrier, astronomer, Paris, 1877; Wilkie Collins, novelist, London, 1889; Eliza Cook, poet, Wimbledon, 1889; John Morley, Viscount Morley of Blackburn, statesman and writer, London, 1923; Sigmund Freud, psychoanalyst, London, 1939; Pablo Neruda, poet, Nobel laureate 1971, Santiago, 1973.

The astronomer Johan Galle discovered the planet Neptune, 1846.

The George Cross was instituted for civilian acts of courage, 1940.

Juan Perón was re-elected President of Argentina, 1973.

The world's first Ceefax teletext service began on BBC Television, 1974.

Piping

Superb lament wins Gold Clasp as some fail to finish

By Angus Nicol

THE PRINCIPAL event on the second day of the Northern Meeting is the Gold Clasp, open only to those who have already won the Highland Society of London's Gold Medal. At this level, breakdowns are usually rare, but on this occasion, surprisingly, three competitors failed to complete their tunes.

Of the six set tunes, "The Bells of Perth" seemed to be a favourite with the judges, who called for it four times out of the sixteen performances. However, the Clasp was won by Jack Lee with a superb performance of "The Lament for the Laird of Annapool". This is a demanding tune, played mostly in the left hand, and not often heard.

Second prize was won by Corporal Gordon Walker, with a faultless performance of "The Bells of Perth". Pipe-Major Alasdair Gillies won third prize with "Scarce of Fishing", playing the first variation given in book 3, rather than the doubling of the Urlar. In fourth place, William MacCallum gave a fine performance of the nameless tune "Cherede darievea", quite often heard from members of the MacCallum family.

The Junior Piobaireachd (under 18) competition produced some very good young pipers. The winner was Andrew Wright, who played "The Groat". Iain Morrison, with "Black Donald's March", came second. Fiona MacKay played "The Field of Gold", a tune by Donald MacLeod inspired by a field of buttercups, to take third place. William Fulton, playing "The MacIntoshes' Banner", came fourth. Iain Morrison also won the under 18 March Strathspey and reel. The under 15 March was won by Ruth Young.

The Strathspey and reel competitions took place on the second day. The A grade was won by Allan Russell, and the B grade by John Patrick, who thereby made a clean sweep. The second day ended, as always, with the jig competition. Added variety was given to the final by the requirement that competitors play two jigs once through rather than one twice through. The winner was Corporal Gordon Walker.

The Glenmorangie "Prize Pipe", which actually takes the form of a silver quaich, is presented to the competitor who achieves the highest marks in both the clasp and the March, Strathspey and reel events. The winner this year was Jack Lee.

Full results

1. Gold Clasp: 1, Jack Lee; 2, Cpl Gordon Walker, RHF; 3, P/M Alasdair Gillies, QOH; 4, William MacCallum. Judges: Donald MacPherson, William MacDonald (Benbecula), James Young.
2. Strathspey and reel A: 1, Allan Russell; 2, Alan Bevan; 3, Greg Wilson; 4, Richard Parkes.
3. Strathspey and reel B: 1, John Patrick; 2, Colin Clansey; 3, James Stewart; 4, Neil Walker. Judges (A and B): Ronald Lawrie, Allan Beaton, Alan Forbes.
4. Jigs: 1, Cpl Gordon Walker, RHF; 2, William MacCallum; 3, Alan Bevan; 4, Seumas Coyne. Judges: Walter Drysdale, Malcolm MacRae, Tom Speirs.
5. Junior Piobaireachd: 1, Andrew Wright; 2, Iain Morrison; 3, Fiona MacKay; 4, William Fulton. Judges: P/M Angus MacDonald, James Burnet.
6. Under 18 March, Strathspey and reel: 1, Iain Morrison; 2, Iain Finlayson; 3, Mark Wemyss; 4, Andrew Wright.
7. Under 15 March: 1, Ruth Young; 2, Toby Renouf; 3, Alan Clark; 4, Fiona MacKay. Judges (both events): Major John M Allen, Neil Mulvie.

Birthdays



Ray Charles, the singer, is 64 today

Mr Gerald Balding, racehorse trainer, 58; Baroness David, 81; the Duke of Fife, 65; Mr J.E.A.R. Guinness, former deputy-chairman, Provident Mutual Life Assurance Association, 70; Mr Richard Lambert, editor, *The Financial Times*, 50; Sir Henry Lintott, diplomat, 86; Dr B.B. Lloyd, former chairman, Health Education Council, 74; Mr Charles Lloyd, former headmaster, Dulwich College, 79; Mrs Genista McIntosh, executive director, Royal National Theatre, 48; Mr Mickey Rooney, actor, 74; Mr Bruce Springsteen, rock singer, 45; Miss Marianne Straub, textile designer, 85; Admiral Sir John Treacher, 70; Mr John Wilkinson, MP, 54.

Elections

Incorporated Association of Preparatory Schools
President: Alan Mould, St George's School, Windsor; Vice-President: Hugh Davies Jones, St Andrew's School, Eastbourne; Chairman: Colin Holloway, King's College Junior School, Wimbledon; Vice-Chairman: Richard Theobald, Repton Preparatory School, Milton, Derbyshire.

Kipling's letters tell of painful last days

By Alan Hamilton

INTIMATE letters from Rudyard Kipling to his doctor, describing the intense physical pain of the last months before his death in 1936, have turned up for sale in a London antiquarian bookshop.

Kipling was often doubled up from acute pain, vomiting and haemorrhages, the result of the perforated duodenum which finally killed him in spite of emergency surgery by his surgeon and close friend, Lord Alfred Webb-Johnson. "I've had, to put it gently, a hell of a week," the author wrote to Webb-Johnson in 1935, urging the doctor to come and stay with the Kiplings in the South of France.

When Kipling was finally taken to hospital in 1936, he told Webb-Johnson that "something has come adrift inside". The surgeon wrote that the patient's own diagnosis had "brilliantly summarised" his condition. The author died several days later.

Kipling authorities are however showing more interest in the letters written by the author's wife Carrie, offering profuse thanks to Webb-Johnson for the friendship and kindness shown to the family. "You, my dear, have melted my heart, that I had thought quite frozen, by your latest kindness," Mrs Kipling wrote to the surgeon.

Maggs, the London booksellers, are offering the batch of correspondence, together with Kipling's annoted personal copy of the Apocrypha, his favourite Scripture reading, for £5,000. The lot forms part of the bookshop's purchase of a large Kipling collection, mainly of first editions, acquired from Freddie Storch, an Australian diamond dealer and avid collector.

The collection offered for sale also includes a book of unpublished Kipling poems, among which is a brief squib on the death of President Woodrow Wilson. Kipling had little regard for Wilson, and accompanying the book is a letter from Winston Churchill counselling that the poem should not be published for fear of upsetting Americans.

Edward Maggs, a director of the bookshop, said yesterday: "Kipling appeals increasingly to the serious literary historian. In the past he was considered an old-fashioned imperial taste, but people are coming to appreciate his worth as a poet and storyteller."

George Webb, editor of the Kipling Society journal, said that Kipling could never recover the commanding position he enjoyed a century ago, but that he was now being seen as a literary figure in his own right. "The present generation feels less guilt about empire; they are able to see the literature behind Kipling's political polemic."

Forthcoming marriages

Mr T.L. Beaumont and Miss A.L. Bazil
The engagement is announced between Tom, younger son of Mr and Mrs Michael Beaumont, of Warehorne, Kent, and Amy, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Stephen Bazil, of West Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

Mr H.G. Dennler and Miss A.C. Ferrand
The engagement is announced between Guy, son of the late Mr and Mrs Rodney Dennler, and Arabella, elder daughter of Captain and Mrs Robert Ferrand, of Leyburn, North Yorkshire.

Mr T.R. Fattorini and Miss M. Barlow
The engagement is announced between Tom, eldest son of Mr and Mrs T.P. Fattorini, of Hale, Cheshire, and Marie, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs B. Barlow, of Congleton, Cheshire.

Mr B.R. Green and Mrs Y. Kalms
The forthcoming marriage is announced and will take place on Sunday, October 2, 1994, at The Mayfair Hotel, W1, between Brian, son of Dora Green and the late Bertram Green, and Yvonne, daughter of Vicky and Charles Mammon.

Mr T.R.B. Hurd and Miss C.S. Aubrey
The engagement is announced between Thomas, second son of the Hon Douglas Hurd, PC, MP, of Burford, Oxfordshire, and Mrs Tatiana Hurd, of Fulham, London, and Catherine Siân, daughter of Dr and Mrs Daniel Roland Aubrey, of Mattingley, Hampshire.

Mr C.E.P. Otton and Miss P.S. Berliand
The engagement is announced between Charles, elder son of Sir Philip and Lady Otton, of London, SW6, and Penelope (Pouli), younger daughter of Mr and Mrs David Berliand, of Ripley, Surrey.

Mr C.F.W. Parker and Miss J.E. Gillies
The engagement is announced between Christian Frederick Woodward, son of Mr and Mrs John W. Parker, of Pulborough, West Sussex, and Jane Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian B. Gillies, of Balfron, West Stirlingshire.

Mr B.J. Potter and Miss V.J. Kenney
The engagement is announced between Bruce, only son of the late John Potter and Mrs Joan Potter, of Hempsted, Gloucester, and Vanessa, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs Nigel Kenney, of Cambridge.

Mr T.A. Wilkinson and Lady Louise Brudenell-Bruce
The engagement is announced between Timothy, youngest son of Mr and Mrs John E. Wilkinson, of Beaufort House, Dinnington, Yorkshire, and Louise, daughter of the Marquess of Ailesbury, of Savernake Forest, Wiltshire, and of Mrs Michael Carson, of Milton Lilbourne, Wiltshire.

Marriage

Mr C.A. Russell and Mlle R.J. Hacault
The marriage took place on Saturday, September 17, 1994, at Agon-Coutainville, Manche, between Mr Alistair Russell, son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Russell, of Bentley, Hampshire, and Mlle Rosine Hacault, daughter of M and Mme Gilbert Hacault, of Agon-Coutainville.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Mlle Katia Rigot and Mlle Maria Gadbled. M. Jerome Egretaud was best man.

A Vin d'Honneur was held at Coutainville, followed by a reception at Regneville.

Church news

The Rev Hugh Atherstone, Rector, Frant w Eridge and Rural Dean of Rotherfield: to be Vicar, Sutton w Seaford (Chichester).

The Rev Kevin Barnard, Vicar, Bolderstone: *also* to serve as Bishop's Adviser on issues relating to ageing (Sheffield).

The Rev Peter Benson, Assistant Chaplain at St James's University Hospital, Leeds (Ripon): to be Anglican Chaplain (whole-time) at Dewsbury and District Hospital (Wakefield).

The Rev Nigel Bourne, Assistant Curate, St Thomas, Bedhampton: to be Assistant Curate, St John, Newport, Isle of Wight (Portsmouth).

The Rev Alan Boyd, Chaplain (East Birmingham) Heartlands Hospital: to be Chaplain, Solihull District Hospital, Solihull (Birmingham).

The Rev Louise Brown, Assistant Curate, St Mary's, Shinfield: to be Priest-in-charge, All Saints, Dedworth (Oxford).

The Rev Tony Bundock, Team Vicar, Borehamwood (St Albans): to be Team Rector, Seacroft (Ripon).

The Rev Christopher Burden, part-time lecturer at Glasgow University and Priest-in-charge (NSM), Glasgow, Holy Cross (Glasgow and Galloway): now Lay Training Officer in the diocese of Chelmsford.

The Rev John Colston, Rector, Ainderby Steeple w Yafforth and Kirkby Wiske w Maundy, and Diocesan Warden of Readers (Ripon): to be Vicar, Christ Church, Harrogate, same diocese.

The Rev Ian Cook, Rector, Sts James and John, Wednesbury, and Rural Dean of Wednesbury (Lichfield): to be *also* a Prebend of Lichfield Cathedral.

The Rev Paul Faint, Vicar, Hanley Castle (Worcester): to be Vicar, Holy Trinity Church, Northwood (London).

The Rev Brian Godsell, Priest-in-charge, St John the Evangelist, Brandon: to be Vicar, St John the Evangelist, Brandon (Durham).

The Rt Rev David Hallatt, Bishop of Shrewsbury, diocese Lichfield: to be *also* an Honorary Canon of Lichfield Cathedral.

The Rev Susan Howard, Curate, St Michael, Ditton: to be Kirkby Youth Chaplain and Associate Priest, St Chad, Kirkby (Liverpool).

The Rt Rev David Jenkins, formerly Bishop of Durham: to be an Honorary Assistant Bishop in the diocese of Ripon.

The Rev Henry Kirk, Deputy Headmaster, Dulwich College Preparatory School: to be Curate, Linslade (Oxford).

The Rev Kenneth Letts, Chaplain, St Michael's School, Victoria, Australia (Melbourne): to be Chaplain, Holy Trinity, Nice, France (Europe).

The Rev Canon Toby Marchand, Rector, Deal St Leonard w St Richard and Sholden St Nicholas, and an Honorary Canon of Canterbury Cathedral (Canterbury): to be Vicar, Bishop's Stortford, St Michael (St Albans).

Resignations and retirements

The Rev Harry Hodgetts, Vicar, St Mary, Kettering (Peterborough): to resign as from September 30.

The Rev Canon Frank Pearce, Rector, St Peter & St Paul, Kettering (Peterborough): to resign as from November 1.

The Rev Canon Ivor Smith-Cameron, Canon Residentiary at Southwark Cathedral and assistant priest, All Saints, Battersea (Southwark): to retire as from November 21.

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BIRTHS

BARKER - On September 21st, to Kerry (née Flinn) and Kenneth, a son, Charles Andrew, a brother for Georgina.

CARNEGIE - On September 9th, at The Wellington Hospital, to Wendy (née Gayler) and Andrew, a beautiful daughter, Katherine Sarah.

CUNDY - On 13th September, to Rosemarie (née Flood) and Paul, a daughter, Antonia Elizabeth, a sister for Olivia.

GILES - On September 14th, to Joanne (née Thorpe) and John, a son, Oliver Benedict.

GRAY - On September 14th 1994, to Jonathan Steel and Daisy Gray, a daughter, Poppy, a sister for Jack.

HOPKING - See Presgrave Payne

OLDHAM - On 17th September, to Peter and Jane, a son, Robert Nicholas, a brother for Celia.

PARSONS - On Monday 19th September, to Camilla (née Tuckey) and Richard, a daughter, Martha Ruby.

PRESGRAVE PAYNE - On 22nd September, to Scarlett (nee Hopking) and Conrad, a daughter, Madeline Scarlett.

SKINNER - On September 14th, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Tamsin (née Atherton) and Dermot, a daughter, Antonia Catherine.

SPEAK - On 20th September, at Poole Hospital to Anne (née Harris) and Stephen, a son, George William Louis, a brother for Harry.

SUNLEY - On September 21st, to Fiona and John, a son, Alexander Jack.

TUDHOPE - On 21st September to Mia and Bill, a daughter Amelia Laura, a sister for our dear little Thomas.

WRIGHT - On September 18th, to Belinda (née Tufnell) and Ben, a son, Frederick Greville Arthur Lowndes.

YARDLEY - On 10th September, to Jeannie (née Tatten) and Jonathan, a daughter, Felicity, a sister to Isobel, Olivia and Frederick.

YOUNGER - On September 21st in Glasgow, to Sophie (née Dowse) and Malcolm, a daughter, Anna.

DEATHS

AUSTIN - On September 14th, peacefully in hospital, Richard Joseph Byron Austin. Requiem Mass at the Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Kensington Church Street W8, on Wednesday 28th September at 11.30. No Flowers please, but donations, if desired to The Samaritans.

BESLEY - On September 18th, Philip Graham, much loved father of Nick, beloved son of Bryan and the late Betty Besley. Service at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, on September 30th at 12.noon. No Flowers by request, but donations, if desired for The British Heart Foundation, and enquiries to F.W. Chitty & Co. Tel: 0932 842220.

BUCHANAN - Donald Batts. In loving memory of my dear husband who died suddenly on the 24th September 1993. From his wife Catherine Buchanan.

CLARK - On 21st September 1994, peacefully, William Sherwood, aged 94. Dear father of Margaret. Formerly District Inspector Barclays Bank, Manchester.

DALTON, Clive, on 21st September 1994, peacefully in Hospice, devoted husband of Mavis, and father of Yvonne, Colin and Adrian. Private Cremation followed by Memorial Service at St. Mary's Church, Storrington, 4.30pm, on September 27th. Family flowers only, donations, if wished for St. Barnabas Hospice, c/o H.D. Tribe Ltd, 130 Broadwater Road, Worthing, West Sussex. Tel. 0903 234616.

DRAPER - On the 21st of September, Donald Alfred James DFC, AE, DL, JP., after a short illness. Funeral on Friday 30th September at St Margaret's Parish Church, Lee Terrace, Blackheath at 2.46pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to RNLI or RAF Benevolent Fund to Francis Chapel & Son, 4 Lee High Road, Lewisham, SE13 5LQ.

EYRE - Monica, died peacefully, on holiday in Spain, on Wednesday 14th September 1994, aged 91 years. A Memorial Service will be held in Winsford at a later date.

HOOPER - On September 20th, at home after several years illness valiantly borne. John Joseph, dear husband of the late Ursula, dearly loved father to Cill and Paul and grandfather to Jonathan and Grace. Cremation private. Memorial Service and interment of ashes at Holy Trinity Church, Forest Green 12.30pm on Thursday October 6th. No Flowers, but donations, c/o Sherlock and Sons, Trellis House, Dorking, to Leukaemia Research, or the Mount Alvernia Hospital, would be appropriate.

HOPE GILL - On Saturday 17th September, Anna Mary Hope Gill, aged 90, wife of the late Charles William Hope Gill, sister of the late John and Maurice Willatt, and Malcolm Willatt, formerly Headmistress of Andover County Girls School. The Funeral took place on Thursday 22nd September. Donations, for Talking Books, c/o Chas Nethercott, Tel: (Potters Bar) 0707 652288.

JACKSON - On September 21st, peacefully at home in Loudwater. Harry Wallace aged 73. Dearly loved husband of Iris and father of David and Robert. Funeral service at Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham on Wednesday September 28th at 3.30pm. Family flowers only, donations may be sent to South West Herts Hospice Charitable Trust, Watford.

KEMPE - On September 20th suddenly, at the Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport. Joan Kempe MBE. Beloved wife of David, dear mother of Philip and Paul, wonderful grandmother of Katherine, Sara, Dominique and Callum. Funeral Tuesday 27th September. Service at St. Michael's Church, Michaelston-Y-Vedw at 12.noon, followed by interment in the churchyard. Flowers may be sent to Tovey Brothers, 9-11 Cardiff Road, Newport, Gwent.

KINSEY - On September 20th 1994, peacefully after a very short illness, Ronald Stuart Kinsey OSLJ., TD, JP, KCHS, FSA., beloved husband of Peggy and father of Queneida and Jane. The family funeral will take place at Charing Crematorium on Thursday 29th September at 12 noon. A Requiem Mass will be held in St Andrew's Cathedral, Glasgow on Saturday 24th September at 11am. No flowers please but donations if desired to "The Cancer Day Care Centre Appeal", William Harvey Hospital, Kennington Road, Ashford, Kent, TN24 0LZ or c/o Doves Funerals, 1 Knightrider Street, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 6LP. Tel: 0622 688662

MITCHELL- Lady Edith Theresa, on September 21st 1994, aged 93 years. Late of The Pembroke Hotel, Hove. Widow of Sir James Mitchell. Enquiries to Attree & Kent. 0273 821985.

NEIKE - Ann, peacefully at Leamington Spa, on 21st September 1994, aged 89 years. A dearly loved mother and grandmother. Funeral Mass at St. Peter's R.C. Church, Leamington Spa on Tuesday 27th September at 10.30 am. Flowers to H.J. Dawson Funeral Directors, 22 George Street, Leamington Spa.

NICOL - On Tuesday 20th September 1994, Dr. Davidson S.H.W. Nicol, CMG., GCOR., MD., PhdCantab., in Cambridge after a short illness. Husband of Marjorie, father of Aina, Charles, Ayodele, Olu and Sylvester, and much loved grandfather. He will be dearly missed by family and friends in Sierra Leone, UK and the USA. The funeral will take place in Sierra Leone.

NIXON - Laurence James, suddenly at Epsom General Hospital on 19th September, aged 91. Loving husband of the late Mary, and devoted father of Geoffrey, Rosemary, John and Veronica (Sister Mary Augustine). Funeral will take place at the Sacred Heart Church, Mayfield Lane, Wadhurst on Tuesday 27th September at 10.45am. Family flowers only please. If desired donations may be made to CAFOD, 2 Romero Close, London SW3 9TY. Enquiries to Jarvis, Lewes Road, Cross in Hand, Heathfield: 0435 862833.

PURKIS - On September 21st 1994, peacefully at Mount Edgcumbe Hospice, Clifford aged 81 years, of Trevone, Cornwall. Husband of the late Mildred and a much loved father and grandfather.

ROBINS - Albert A.F. Solicitor of Hornchurch Essex, passed away on the 17th September 1994, aged 79 years. Sadly missed by family and friends. Funeral service Monday 26th September 1.30pm South Essex Crematorium, Upminster, Essex.

ROITH - Oliver Sebastian. Beloved first child of Stephen and Ubby tragically taken at birth will be sadly missed by his grieving parents, grandparents David and Estelle, aunt and uncle Esme and Malcolm and cousin Harlan.

ROTHSTEIN Andrew, journalist and historian, foundation member of The Communist Party, September 22nd, peacefully at Parkwood House on the eve of his 96th birthday. Funeral Wednesday 28th September 2pm. Golders Green Crematorium (West Chapel). No flowers by request, donations, if wished to Age Concern.

SALTER - Honor Agnes McColm died peacefully at home, aged 64. Burial office and Requiem Mass at 9.45am Monday 26th September at St John's Church, Watford. No flowers please.

SCHLEPEGRELL - A.F.K., husband of Ursula (née Goertitz) and stepfather of Thomas Boecking on September 21st at Garmisch-Partenkirchen.

STODDART - Peacefully on 21st September 1994, Alan Douglas aged 87 years. Beloved husband of Iris, and loving father and grandfather. A Thanksgiving Service will be held on Tuesday 27th September, at Crewcombe Church, at 2.30pm. No flowers please, donations, if desired to The Royal British Legion or Red Cross c/o F.H. Willicombe & Son, 8 High Street, Williton.

STUART-HUNT - On Tuesday, 20th September, Mabel Stuart-Hunt, aged 81 years. Dearly loved mother of Richard and Penelope. Private cremation followed by Service of Thanksgiving at Exton Parish Church, Hampshire, on Tuesday, 18th October at 2.30pm. Enquiries to Thomas Pink & Son (Funeral Directors) 0489 892640.

WILSON - On September 20th 1994, in hospital, Mary sister of the late John and Robert. Service at St. Martin's Church, Brasted, Nr. Sevenoaks, on Friday September 30th at 12.30pm followed by cremation. Family flowers only, donations, if desired to Hospice at Home - Tunbridge Wells, c/o Francis Chappell & Sons, 27 London Road, Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 1AR. Tel: 0732 460205.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

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OBITUARIES

DIANA GUEST

Diana Guest, sculptor, died near Dreux, France, on September 12 aged 84. She was born on November 1, 1909.

A SCULPTOR for more than thirty years, Diana Guest was one of the handful of women who have stamped their presence on this art form in the international arena. When she began carving in the late 1950s she had behind her a richly led life but little artistic experience other than a recalled enjoyment of modelling in clay as a young girl.

Diana (so called because she was born on November 1, the start of the hunting season) Guest was born in the stately mansion, Burly on the Hill, near Oakham. Her father Frederick "Freddie" Guest, MP, and cousin to Winston Churchill and the Duke of Marlborough, followed family precedent by looking across the Atlantic for a wife. He married Amy Phipps, the daughter of the millionaire industrialist who founded, with his partner Andrew Carnegie, a vast steel empire.

In 1928 Diana's mother funded Amelia Earhart's record-breaking transatlantic flight and the aviatrix was welcomed and entertained by the Guest family. When Diana requested flying lessons for her 18th birthday, her father, who had become Secretary of State for Air, threw in a brand new Gipsy Moth aeroplane (her mother gave her a French maid).

In 1931, with fewer than a hundred hours in her logbook, Diana flew her single-engined biplane from London to the family's farm, "The Guesthouse" in the White Highlands of Kenya. It was a flight of more than 6,000 miles across inhospitable terrain. The plane's engine failed over the Sudan and Diana crash-landed in the bush. Undaunted, she continued her journey in another aeroplane.

An excellent shot, she spent many months on safari in the company of her brothers, Winston and Raymond, and the white hunter Bror Blixen (husband of Karen). However, after killing a charging elephant, she regretted her participation in the expedition, vowed never to shoot again and resolved to protect all animals.



Back in Europe Diana trained as an opera singer under the great soprano Lily Pons who told her, after several years, that she had a magnificent voice but lacked the commitment to become a star. To compensate, Diana flew her De Havilland Puss Moth, registration G-AAZP, through many heats to gain a place in the King's Cup air race. She spent the next year enjoying London and Paris society and playing polo with her brothers, both world-class players.

On a visit to her American grandparents in Long Island Diana met Marc Sevastopoulo, a white Russian, in the early 1930s. They married and had a daughter, but the marriage came to an end in 1938. During the war Diana met and fell in love with Jean de Gaillard de la Valdène, a French aristocrat and much decorated First World War air ace, who was then fighting with the Free French forces. They married in 1943 and their best man was Jean's friend and ex-squadron leader, Jacques Balsan. Balsan was also the husband of Diana's aunt through marriage, Consuelo Vanderbilt, the former Duchess of Marlborough. Jean and Diana had two children.

After the war they bought Balsan's French château which was the favourite hideaway of Winston Churchill during his wilderness years, and much painted by him. At the château at St Georges, Diana owned and bred racehorses with a number of classic winners, including Be My Guest, Prince Regent and Pieces of Eight.

Diana was divorced from Jean after 14 years of marriage and took up sculpting in Paris. She was introduced to Salome Vernard who offered to teach her to carve in stone. During her four-year apprenticeship she travelled frequently to Greece and to Italy to choose rare marbles, onyx, granites and alabasters. A nature lover from childhood, she favoured animal subjects and her lovely figures of owls, hawks, fish and horses were sought after by art collectors and museums.

In 1970 she met the former diplomat Allen Manning in Palm Beach and was married some months later. They travelled a great deal and in addition to enjoying the world's lonely places, they shuttled constantly between France, Switzerland and America. Many of Diana's stones travelled with her and she was in great demand to exhibit her beloved animals, the most famous of these being the life-size *Fallen Horse*. These, together with her most recent works — delicate carvings of flowers in alabaster — were exhibited to great acclaim this year at Versailles and are the subject of a recent book.

Other major exhibitions included those held in Paris, Istanbul, London, Palm Beach, Boston, Pittsburgh and New York. In June this year, she was made a Chevalier de l'ordre des Arts et des Lettres.

A woman of great dignity and love of life, striking, tall and upright even after her 80th birthday, Diana's personality and great presence attracted a huge circle of friends. She was an indefatigable fighter for the rights of the oppressed, animals, children and the elderly. She wrote recently: "I would leave beauty behind me." A large body of work, consisting of more than a hundred pieces of all sizes, more than fulfils this wish.

She is survived by her husband Allen, and by the daughter of her first marriage, together with the son, daughter and a stepdaughter of the second.

CARDINAL ALBERT DECOURTRAY

Cardinal Albert Decourtray, Archbishop of Lyons and Primate of the Gauls, died in Lyons on September 16 aged 71. He was born at Wattignies (Nord) on April 9, 1923.



CARDINAL DECOURTRAY, who occupied the second position in the French Roman Catholic hierarchy after Cardinal Jean-Marie Lustiger, of Paris, was both a champion of social justice and a fervent defender of church doctrine in matters such as contraception and abortion.

He was respected and loved in his traditionally conservative diocese where he took strong ecumenical stands. In recent years he had become a media star through several appearances on a leading television show, *L'Heure de Verité*. The present Pope described him as "a passionate pastor".

Decourtray spoke his mind on racism, roundly condemning the extreme right-wing National Front of Jean-Marie Le Pen. He championed dialogue with the large North African community in the suburbs of Lyons and celebrated Mass at one suburb, Minguettes, the scene of racial strife and a hunger strike by "beurs," the term for those of North African origin born in France.

He was equally supportive of French Jewry and his decision to open the Church's archives on Paul Touvier, the Vichy police chief responsible for the wartime massacre of Jews (who was sheltered by Monseigneur Charles Ducaire, secretary to a previous Lyons Archbishop, Cardinal Gerlier) was hailed as a courageous step. Indeed it was, given the previous failure of both the Church and politicians to face up to the extraordinary protection enjoyed by Touvier after the Second World War. Decourtray set up a commission which investigated the episode.

In another controverial affair Decourtray played a leading role in settling the long-running and highly contentious problem of the presence of Carmelite Sisters at the former Auschwitz concentration camp. Their initial refusal to move had caused international concern.

From his earliest days in the Church, Decourtray displayed a marked ability to converse with people from all walks of life. The son of a salesman, he studied in Rome and Jerusalem and was ordained in 1947. Thereafter, he taught at leading seminaries in the north of France before being appointed Vicar-General of Lille, auxiliary bishop and then Bishop of Dijon. He was named Archbishop of Lyons in 1981 by Pope John Paul II after a successful battle with throat cancer. The Pope elevated him to the rank of cardinal in 1985 — the accompanying title of Primate of the Gauls is honorific.

His sympathy for Jews was all the more remarkable in a city and region which had seen the murderous passage not only of Touvier, but also the notorious Gestapo henchman Klaus Barbie.

He made a special trip from Rome to attend the 40th anniversary celebrations of the Conseil Representatif des Institutions Juives de France and used the occasion to express the Church's regrets over its attitude during the Nazi period. A Jewish leader stated at the time that it was the first occasion that someone of his rank in the Catholic Church had recognised that the aim of a Jewish-Catholic dialogue was not conversion. Decourtray later spoke out against the Vatican's invitation, despite the accusations of wartime collaboration against him, to Kurt Waldheim, the former Austrian President.

His openness extended to the Muslim community and at the time of his death he was due to attend the inauguration of a mosque in Lyons, the building of which he had actively supported. Another gesture, which upset local conservative Catholics, was his spending of Christmas in the local prison where he told prisoners to address him simply as "Albert".

On doctrinal questions, Decourtray followed the Vatican line, defending priestly celibacy and denouncing Martin Scorsese's film, *The Last Temptation of Christ*. But these positions were outweighed by his forthright opposition to Le Pen and his criticism of the muscular immigration policies of Charles Pasqua, the Interior Minister.

He was elected to the French Academy in 1993 although his literary output had been slim. He concluded that his election had been meant as an honour for the Church.

KENNETH MASTERSON

Kenneth Masterson, OBE, Deputy Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, died from cancer on September 18 aged 51. He was born on June 17, 1943.



A MAN who epitomised the new professionalism of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, Ken Masterson was widely expected to become the force's next Chief Constable. He was respected by both communities in the province and gained a wide experience of policing in Northern Ireland and Britain during his 32-year career.

Kenneth William Masterson was born at Lisbellaw, Co Fermanagh. He joined the RUC in 1962 and after recruit training was posted to Caledon, Co Tyrone, near the border with the Irish Republic. He was promoted to sergeant in 1968 and in 1970 moved to the RUC headquarters in Belfast to work in the research and planning department.

During the 1970s, as violence increased in Northern Ireland, Masterson took a degree in law from Queen's University, Belfast. He was called to the Northern Ireland Bar in 1978 after achieving first place in that year's examination.

In 1980 Masterson returned to operational duties, initially in the nationalist Andersonstown area of West Belfast. As sub-divisional commander he had to police one of the most volatile areas of Northern Ireland during the tense period of protests by republican prisoners.

Masterson made a strong impression on Sir Kenneth Newman, the Chief Constable of the RUC from 1976 to 1979, and Newman appointed him as his staff officer. He became a chief superintendent in 1983 and was appointed to the Police Staff College at Bramshill in Hampshire after Sir Kenneth moved to the college as Commandant. Masterson, who wrote widely on criminal law, rose to become deputy head of the department of socio-legal studies. He again followed Sir Kenneth, who became Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police in 1982, when he moved to London as a commander in 1985. He helped to deal with the public disorder around the News International plant at Wapping and a number of inner city problems and was in charge of training at the Metropolitan Police.

Masterson returned to the RUC in 1990 as Assistant Chief Constable for the South Region, which included some of the areas where he had first worked nearly 30 years before. He retained the rank of Assistant Chief Constable when he was reappointed to the RUC headquarters in Belfast. There he worked in the research and planning department and the management support services.

Last year Masterson became one of the RUC's two Deputy Chief Constables until just over a week ago when he retired because of ill health. During his career he attended the police senior command course at Bramshill and the Royal College of Defence Studies. He was appointed OBE last year and held the Police Long Service and Good Conduct medals.

Masterson was widely regarded as one of the most intelligent and highly educated officers in the RUC. In public he was a shy man, but this dissolved immediately in private. He was highly respected throughout the ranks of the force.

He is survived by his wife Kaye, a son and a daughter.

SANDRA FISHER

Sandra Fisher, painter, died, following a collapse, in London on September 19 aged 47. She was born in New York on May 6, 1947.

WIDE international recognition of the artistic achievement of Sandra Fisher had come only recently. Many works, particularly the large series of paintings she had undertaken for the reconstruction of the Shakespeare Globe Theatre, were left unfinished. She was working on them in her studio two days before she died.

Nonetheless, she produced a large body of work — paintings, drawings and monotypes — which establish her place as an outstanding artist of her generation. Her greatest determination was to explore and extend in contemporary terms the boundaries of what she perceived as the great figurative tradition in art, ranging from Velazquez and Titian to Manet, Degas and Matisse.

Primarily a painter, but also a gifted draughtsman, Sandra Fisher combined an original approach to composition with a fresh, bright palette and lively brushwork, which she was able to carry over in an unusually vivid way to her black and white monotypes. The generally small scale of her canvases often came as a surprise, because of the success of her public commissions. These included two highly successful posters for London Transport's *Art on the Underground* series and for Heineken beer (one of her paintings was recreated outdoors on a gigantic scale by art students in Amsterdam in 1993).

Her principal subjects were portraits of family and friends, the artist and model, and dramatic subjects drawn from the worlds of opera and literature. Her relationship with each canvas was always intensely personal, and she drew upon her own responses to her sitters and models for the way in which she approached them.

Although born in New York, Sandra Fisher was raised in Florida and California, where as a girl she showed an exceptional gift for music, especially the clarinet. She and her younger sister were encouraged by their mother (also a painter) to study art, which she did at the Chouinard Art School, California Institute of the Arts in Los Angeles.

In 1970 she worked as assistant to the director and master printer Kenneth Tyler at Gemini GEL, when this now celebrated print workshop was perhaps at its most creative moment. It was during that year that she met the painter R. B. Kitaj, with whom she began an intense relationship. In order to be able to live and work near him she moved in 1971 to London, where she first set up her studio on Sydney Street and later at Redcliffe Gardens.

In London her artistic and intellectual aspirations blossomed. She developed a passion for opera, which she introduced into her work as a primary subject in 1983-84, when during the course of the year she arranged to spend many hours drawing at opera rehearsals. And for the twenty years or so she lived in London her favourite evenings out were those she spent in the "Gods" at Covent Garden.



Sandra Fisher *Self Portrait*, monotype, 1991

Her growing circle of friends included not only other artists but also many writers, poets and dramatists. Her friendship and collaboration with poets, notably Thomas Meyer, resulted in several books in which her works appeared alongside Meyer's translations and poems, including *Sappho* (1982), *Sonnets & Tableaux* (1987) and *Monotypes & Tracings* (1994).

After their marriage in 1983 she and Kitaj shared the friendship of an even larger circle of artists, writers and philosophers, many of whom were welcome and regular guests in their home. For those who first met her, there was always an immediate awareness and appreciation of her striking looks, but for those who knew her well her physical beauty was by far outweighed by an unusual radiance and enormous generosity towards others.

Her eagerness to share her enthusiasms for art, music — there was always an extra ticket for someone to accompany Sandra to Covent Garden — and literature deepened the ties of her many close friendships.

In 1984 with the birth of their son Max, the focus of her world changed. Motherhood was an experience she welcomed and which gave her profound joy, and this was reflected in her work. She took particular pleasure in painting her son and also in painting her women friends with their own small children.

Sandra Fisher exhibited principally in London, where her last individual show was at the Lefevre Gallery in 1993. Her works are included in numerous European and American private collections and in public institutions, including the British Museum and, in New York, the National Academy of Design and the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

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FIRST NIGHT OF THE I.T.A.

What will it be like? Last night's opening programme of independent television did not really go very far towards an answer to this question. From the opening ceremony in Guildhall to the religious epilogue just after 11 p.m. it was plain that this was to be one of those evenings of trial and excitement with everyone on their best behaviour and below their usual form.

It was not long, of course, before the first advertisement spots began to appear. The Postmaster-General had assured us early on that these " would be confined to natural breaks in the programmes " and at least they did not interrupt his own speech. They broke through first during the rapid variety show from the Associated Broadcasting Company's Television Theatre in that curiously nasal, synthetic tone that advertising has in the cinema.

A pretty girl began to clean her teeth before us with Gibb's S.R. toothpaste : then in the manner of a panel game two people at a table were asked what their favourite brand of drinking chocolate was, and they replied Cadbury's : a packet of margarine followed, and so on, punctuating the different items during the rest of the evening. None appeared as particularly clever or memorable, though Dunlop managed a good shot of some early tires. National Benzole some agreeable views of Devon, and Oxo introduced Mr. Harry Corbett's dog Sooty to drop its cubes into a mug of hot water. Offensive would be too strong a word by far for these comic little interruptions of the entertainment, but one did feel nonetheless that a thick skin of resistance to them would be needed before long.

The long selection of programmes were relayed well — the actual technique of presentation being not perceptibly different from that to which we are already accustomed, except perhaps in the case of the I.T.A. newsreel, which is introduced by Mr. Chris Chataway and hopes to spice its news items with the " reporting of idiosyncrasies " as Mr. Aidan Crawley put it.

The general aim was to play briefly a few trump cards and to hint at more in hand to be played soon. On the dramatic side these included Sir John Gielgud and Dame Edith Evans, Mr. Alec Guinness and Miss Pamela Brown, Mr. John Clements and Miss Kay Hammond. The brief excerpts they performed from Wilde, " Saki," and Mr Noel Coward were almost a history in miniature of the comedy of manners and were all splendidly done.

The variety performances from the television theatre did not, unfortunately, raise quite such high hopes. On television Palladium girls look somehow just like any other row of chorus girls. The buffoonery in which Mr. Billy Cotton and his band specializes gains, it could perhaps be argued, from being seen as well as heard : and it was certainly pleasant to become reacquainted with Miss Shirley Abicair and Mr. Leslie Welch, but on the whole what was shown here did not suggest that the new light entertainment programmes will bring revolution in their wake.

However, later in the evening the gala night at the Mayfair Hotel introduced in its cabaret Mr. George Formby singing some of his familiar songs with a devil-may-care ease and radiant bonhomie that certainly brightened the picture, as also did a newcomer from America, Miss Marti Stevens, a songster of uncommon charm, who is to appear regularly throughout the winter.

Unfortunately the interviews with Miss Anna Neagle and Mr. Stirling Moss, staged before this, only served to remind us of that stilted and artificial manner of introducing a famous person to the cameras which one thought television had by now outgrown.

ON THIS DAY

September 23 1955

This review symbolised the end of the battle which The Times *waged against commercial television. Sir William Haley, then editor, had vigorously fought its introduction in such terms as "... surely there are within society enough influences already at work degrading public taste to forbid adding another ..."*

NEWS

Semtex found at IRA prison

■ Searches were being carried out at Britain's top security prisons after nearly a kilogram of Semtex explosive was discovered at Whitemoor prison, Cambridgeshire, where armed IRA prisoners tried to escape eleven days ago.

Within hours of the find, which raises fresh embarrassment for Derek Lewis, the director-general of the Prison Service, inmates, visitors and staff at five prisons were subjected to rigorous searches as they entered and left..... **Page 1**

Ashdown gambles on Labour pact

■ Paddy Ashdown embarked on the biggest gamble of his political career by urging his party to make "common cause" with Labour. A speaker at the conference said his 14-year-old daughter had urged him to oppose allowing girls under 16 to have the Pill ..... **Pages 1, 10, 11**

Losing cancer war

The nation is losing the war against cancer, which is claiming thousands more victims every year despite the huge resources pitted against it..... **Page 1**

Europe veto

Britain's relations with Europe deteriorated further when Michael Portillo vetoed a directive in Brussels to introduce paternity leave throughout the European Union..... **Page 1**

Jets bomb Serbs

British and American jet fighters strafed and bombed a Bosnian Serb tank west of Sarajevo yesterday after two United Nations soldiers were wounded in attacks by Serb forces ..... **Pages 1, 13**

No IRA amnesty

John Major firmly ruled out an amnesty for IRA men. But he left open the door to a meeting with Gerry Adams..... **Page 2**

High living court

The lavish life led by the High Court on circuit emerged after the Lord Chancellor announced a review of whether the £4 million bill for lodgings represents value for money..... **Page 4**

Cannabis warning

Legalising cannabis is no answer to Britain's drug problem and even a debate could increase abuse, said Sir Paul Condon, the chief commissioner of the Metropolitan Police..... **Page 5**

Salmon in danger

Salmon face extinction in many English and Welsh rivers unless urgent action is taken to curb drift-net fishing off the Irish coast, say conservationists and anglers..... **Page 6**

Holiday gloom

Sales of holidays for next summer are 10 per cent down on the comparative figure for this year despite the travel industry's costly campaign to attract early bookings..... **Page 8**

Office politics

A year after street fighting threatened to plunge Russia into civil war, the only sign of conflict in central Moscow today is the unseemly race for prestige office space..... **Page 12**

Haiti disarmament

The US army started to dismantle Haiti's biggest armoury of heavy weapons in a further attempt to encourage paramilitary groups to hand in their guns ... **Pages 14, 15**

Zulu crisis

A growing rift between Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi and King Goodwill Zwelethini, means that there is a risk of civil war in KwaZulu/Natal..... **Page 16**

Hatchet buried

John Major moved swiftly to bury the hatchet with Baroness Thatcher over her apparent undermining of his visit to South Africa ..... **Page 17**

Mystery cat defies the law

■ The hunt for the Hampshire beast got serious when six officers from the county's tactical firearms unit were joined by a aircraft using heat-sensitive equipment. After eight sightings, three mauled sheep and the discovery of tracks belonging to a large feline, police decided to mount a thorough search of 32 square miles of farmland around Bramley..... **Page 3**

JOAN RUSSELL



A display of historic army uniforms at the foundation ceremony of the Royal Armouries, Leeds, a museum project costing £42.5 million

BUSINESS

CBI warning: Manufacturers still intend to increase prices, despite the pre-emptive rise in interest rates that was intended to curtail inflation, according to the CBI industrial trends survey ..... **Page 25**

Swan Hunter hopes: Eleventh-hour talks which might yet save the stricken shipyard got underway yesterday when an Anglo-American consortium said it might make a bid..... **Page 25**

Laura Ashley: More jobs will go at the group, where there was a £100,000 operating loss in the first half after a £1.2m payment to a former chief executive ..... **Page 25**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 closed up 6.4 at 3,021.2. The pound eased .28 cents to $1.5762 but rose .20 pfennigs to DM2.4411..... **Page 28**

SPORT

Cricket: Fifty-eight international players and three umpires had still not been paid after the second day of a floodlit event at the Oval was cancelled..... **Page 48**

Football: The Football League has asked Mancester United to explain why they fielded seven reserve players in the Coca-Cola Cup tie against Port Vale..... **Page 48**

Golf: Severiano Ballesteros, who will now take part in the World Match Play championship next month, shared the lead with Vijay Singh on 65 after the first round of the Lancome Trophy..... **Page 48**

Racing: John Reid's hopes of winning a second Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe have revived after he was suggested to partner Moonax, the St Leger winner ..... **Page 45**

Songs and dance: Latest of the song-compilation shows to reach the West End is *The Official Tribute to the Blues Brothers*—and the fans were dancing in the aisles at the first night ..... **Page 39**

Winger on target: At the opening concert of the London Symphony Orchestra's season, the Hollywood actress Debra Winger was the poignant narrator *From the Diary of Anne Frank*—a musical setting by the LSO's conductor, Michael Tilson Thomas..... **Page 39**

Pop on Friday: Caitlin Moran introduces Cranes, the morose sister and brother from Portsmouth who are conquering the pop world; and David Sinclair wonders at Kylie Minogue's extraordinary change of image..... **Pages 40, 41**

Ellis's Ireland: "Relationships that are strong off the field are ignored for an hour's hurling." Joe Boyle, fish and chip shop owner, on his love of the game..... **Page 18**

Sterling service: Albert Greenwood, "an England in miniature", has completed 50 years at Trinity College, Oxford, 20 as butler of the Senior Common Room..... **Page 18**

Justice for victims: The eloquence and pain of Sandra Sullivan, whose daughter Katie was murdered, silenced Nick Ross, Valerie Grove interview..... **Page 19**

Mother dearest: Kate Muir looks at the case of American lawyer Sharon Prost, who lost her children to her former husband..... **Page 19**

Household object: Personal computers can now be stuffed with so many features that they may become as common as the CD player..... **Page 32**

President Clinton should stop digging any deeper into the hole he has made for himself. His aim should be to get US troops out

—The Washington Times

No one thinks that the American deal with the junta is ideal, by any means; but US policy, however flawed and bumbling, is committed. Aristide's coldness does not auger well for Aristide

—The Los Angeles Times

TOP WRITERS IN THE TIMES TODAY



Jonathan Meades, restaurant critic, visits London's first Albanian restaurant

Anne McElvoy meets Graham Greene's defender, friend and confessor

Paul Heiney has good news for organic farmers in his *Farmer's Diary*

Anne Robinson, columnist, on corresponding with Dirk Bogarde

Richard Morrison on the ICA (sponsored by Toshiba) in *Week in the Arts*

Ffyona Campbell pushes on to finish of her round-the-world w but will she let the television c stay with her? *The Longest W* (BBC2, 9.30pm)..... Pag

Dissolution of dream

Mr Ashdown has to get a grip, needs to start work now to ens that the shenanigans of this w cannot be repeated..... Pag

Home from Haiti

If Colin Powell shared a ticket w a Republican who had strong li to the political machine of the r gious right, he could make a for dable opponent..... Pag

Behold the man

To behold the remains of m oldest ancestor transcends sense of the past that can be deri from written sources or anci artefacts..... Pag

BERNARD LEVIN

... insalubrious, flea-ridden, sound, nasty, baneful, foul-tou cursed, unwarranted, execra damned, abnormal, unreasona virtueless, peccant, sinful, un thy, hopeless, incorrigible, tergi sating, brutalised, nefarious, c able, scandalous, worthless, fa ious, gross, and indefensible say the least..... Pag

NIGEL HAWKES

Few sciences produce as abund a return from as few fragment fact as does palaeontology. So certain has the story been that the past, each new find has quired the entire book to rewritten..... Pag

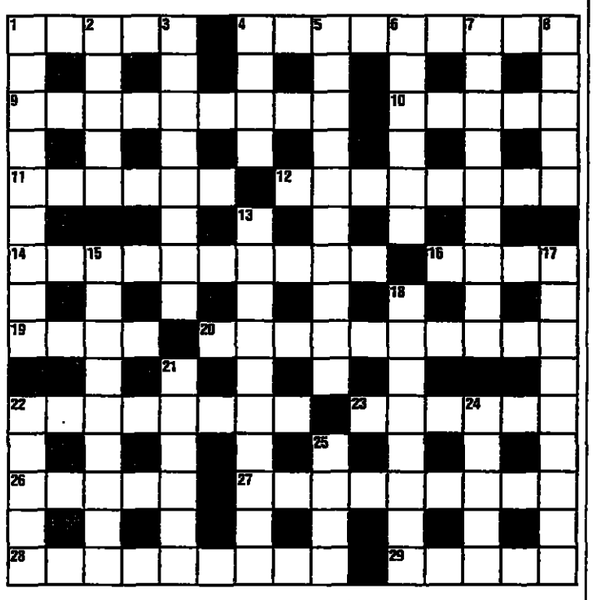
PETER RIDDELL

Third party leaders can sell make the political weather. Th conferences are like light cana quickly forgotten as the polit world turns to the more filling f of the Labour and Conserva conferences..... Pag

Diana Guest, sculptor; **Sam Fisher**, painter; **Cardinal Ali Decourtray**, Archbishop of Ly and Primate of the Gauls; **Kevi Masterson**, Deputy Chief Co ble of the RUC..... Pag

Safety at the Getty Museum ; priorities for the Libe Democrats..... Pag

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,655



ACROSS

1 Control south-eastern part of the country, by the sound of it (5).
4 Unique end to final in dull game (9).
9 Revert to type, producing slipshod work with batch (5,4).
10 Cricketer—a man in the swim (5).
11 Couple set forth (6).
12 A fellow smooth-tongued and well-heeled (8).
14 Sanguine, despite one thing blurring vision in eye (10).
16 Face setback (4).
19 Abroad, we show some sense (4).
20 Maxim sister is about, for instance, to follow at high speed (7-3).
22 Old campaigner found it rougher outside (8).
23 Connection with old book in novel (6).

Solution to Puzzle No 19.654

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26 Take part in seventeenth race (5).
27 Truce none have broken in battle (9).
28 Decrepit old bird accepts the honour (4-5).
29 Those unusual national characteristics (5).

DOWN

1 Bowdlerise novel, deleting mention of ship (5,4).
2 Turned up some information about new recruit (5).
3 When work is stopped rebuilding town, outside money is required (4,4).
4 Poor design (4).
5 Chinese get scared and run away (4,6).
6 Limp pocket books inside (6).
7 Thinking a lot of points on streaming (9).
8 Fish ponged (5).
13 Watch part of pest menace being destroyed (10).
15 They say the stuff you contributed is scrappy (9).
17 Secure rooms in hospital onshore (9).
18 With leader demoted, a cushy job is not cushy (8).
21 Rook left in position (6).
22 The best Conservative papers (5).
24 It's not, so to speak, a snag (5).
25 In other words, an examination (4).

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Wednesday: Highest day temp: Heathrow 20C (68F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, and Cape Wrath, Highland, 12C (54F); highest rainfall: Penzance, 0.50in; highest sunshine: Cleethorpes Humberside, 10.2hr.

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Northwest Scotland and the Northern Isles will be cloudy, however, with drizzle at times.

Southern counties of both England and Wales will be rather cloudy although mostly dry in the morning. It should become brighter for a while, before showers break out during the afternoon and evening.

Cloud and outbreaks of showery rain will reach the rest of Wales and central areas of England in the evening. Some heavy outbreaks are likely, especially in the South West, with perhaps a rumble of thunder.

☐ **London, SE, SW, Central S England, Channel Is, S Wales:** mostly dry, some bright spells, showery rain later. Wind northeast moderate or fresh. Max 18 to 20C (64 to 68F).

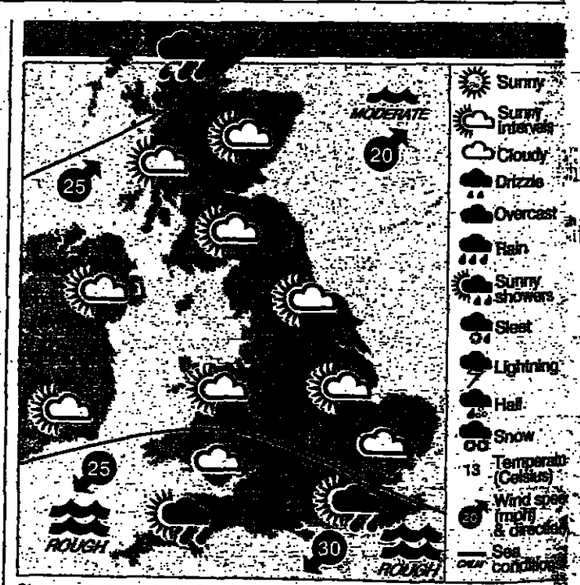
☐ **E Anglia, Midlands, N Wales:** mist clearing, some sunshine and showers later. Wind northeast moderate to fresh. Max 19C (66F).

☐ **E, NW, Central N, NE England, Lakes, Isle of Man, N Ireland:** mist and fog patches clearing, dry with some sunshine, cloud increasing later. Wind northeast light or moderate. Max 16 to 18C (61 to 64F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyll:** early mist and fog, then dry with sunny spells. Wind south or southwest mainly light. Max 16 to 19C (61 to 66F).

☐ **NE, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** mostly cloudy, drizzle at times. Wind southwest fresh. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **Outlook:** Fine in many northern areas, more cloudy elsewhere with showery rain.



Changes to the chart below from noon: high B will drift east towards E Europe but with little change to central pressure. Lows E and P will both m slightly further north towards southern England, and start to fill



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24 hrs to 6 pm: t=thunder; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain; h=hail; du=dull; g=gale; sh=shower; b=bright; ds=dust storm

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	6.0	-	17	63	s	London	5.8	0.08	19	66	r
Anglesey	8.2	-	19	66	s	Lowestoft	10.0	0.02	17	63	s
Aspatria	8.1	-	17	63	s	Manchester	7.0	0.02	18	64	s
Aviemore	7.0	-	18	64	s	Margate	4.1	0.17	17	63	r
Belfast	8.0	-	17	63	c	Minehead	3.8	0.19	17	63	b
Birmingham	7.4	0.21	19	66	s	Morecambe	8.3	-	18	64	s
Bognor R	5.1	-	18	64	s	Newcastle	-	0.07	13	55	du
Bournem'th	4.7	-	18	64	b	Newquay	-	0.11	19	64	c
Bristol	X					Norwich	8.6	0.01	17	63	s
Buxton	4.8	0.26	15	59	b	Nottingham	6.8	0.22	17	63	s
Cardiff	5.3	0.08	18	64	b	Oxford	5.7	-	19	66	s
Clacton	5.0	0.11	17	63	s	Penzance	7.1	0.50	19	66	s
Cleethorpes	10.2	0.24	16	61	s	Plymouth	5.7	0.04	18	64	b
Cromer	10.0	-	15	59	s	Poole	5.3	-	18	64	s
Doncaster	7.8	0.26	18	64	s	Prestatyn	X	-	17	63	s
Dunbar	4.3	-	14	57	s	Ross-o-wye	5.8	0.09	19	66	s
Eastbourne	3.2	-	18	64	c	Ryde	X	0.02	17	63	c
Edinburgh	4.1	-	15	59	b	Scarcombe	8.0	0.05	17	63	s
Eskdalemuir	7.0	0.05	16	61	s	Sandown	3.9	0.01	18	64	b
Exmouth	5.0	0.02	17	63	s	Scarbn End	5.0	0.10	17	63	s
Falmouth	X	0.17	19	66	s	Scarboro'	4.5	0.20	16	61	s
Fishguard	5.1	0.01	16	61	c	Scilly Isles	5.2	0.21	16	61	s
Folkestone	6.1	0.06	17	63	s	Shanklin	3.5	-	17	63	b
Glasgow	9.5	0.01	18	64	s	Shrewsbury	5.4	0.19	19	66	s
Guernsey	6.5	0.01	18	64	s	Southend	6.4	0.07	17	63	r
Hastings	3.8	0.02	18	64	s	Southport	9.7	0.01	19	66	s
Hayling I.	4.5	-	18	64	s	Southsea	4.8	-	19	66	s
Herne Bay	4.7	0.10	17	63	b	Stornoway	0.5	-	14	57	c
Hove	4.7	-	19	66	b	Swanage	6.0	-	17	63	s
Hunstanton	9.7	0.02	17	63	s	Teignmouth	4.2	0.06	17	63	s
Isle of Man	10.1	-	18	64	s	Tenby	8.0	0.02	18	64	s
Jersey	8.7	0.07	19	66	s	Tiree	9.5	-	18	61	s
Kinloss	5.5	-	17	63	b	Torquay	5.5	0.03	18	64	b
Leeds	7.8	0.13	13	64	s	Tynemouth	0.6	0.06	12	54	c
Lerwick	0.5	0.01	12	54	r	Ventnor	5.3	-	17	63	s
Leuchars	4.9	-	16	61	b	West-s-mare	X				
Littlehmptn	5.1	-	18	64	s	Weymouth	6.6	-	18	64	b
Liverpool	9.0	0.02	18	64	s						

These are Tuesday's figures

Ajaccio	31	88	s	Corfu	26	79	s	Majorca	34	75	f
Alicante	29	84	s	Dublin	16	59	s	Malaga	33	73	f
Alex'dria	28	82	f	Dubrovnik	23	73	s	Malta	28	84	f
Algiers	28	79	c	Faro	19	66	s	Melb'rne	17	63	c
Amst'dm	17	63	s	Florence	26	79	f	Mexico C	21	70	s
Athens	30	86	s	Frankfurt	17	63	s	Miami	29	84	c
Bahrain	35	95	s	Funchal	21	70	c	Milan	19	66	c
Bangkok	33	91	f	Geneva	16	61	s	Montreal	22	72	s
Barbados	29	84	c	Gibraltar	20	68	s	Moscow	22	72	s
Barcelona	21	70	f	Helsinki	12	54	c	Munich	16	61	s
Beirut	28	82	f	Hong K	30	86	f	Nairobi	28	73	c
Belgrade	27	81	s	Innsbruck	23	73	s	Naples	28	82	s
Berlin	14	57	f	Istanbul	28	82	s	N Delhi	32	90	s
Bermuda	29	84	f	Jeddah	38	100	s	N York	26	79	s
Biarritz	16	61	c	Jo'burg	27	81	s	Nice	25	77	f
Bordx'x	16	61	c	Karachi	33	91	s	Oslo	11	52	s
Brussels	17	63	s	L Palmas	24	75	c	Paris	16	61	s
Budapst	23	73	s	Le Touq't	19	66	s	Peking	25	77	s
B Aires	20	68	s	Lisbon	33	68	s	Perth	17	63	f
Cairo	32	90	s	Locarno	18	64	f	Prague	15	59	f
Cape Tn	15	59	f	L Angels	21	70	s	Reykjavik	8	46	f
Chicago	26	79	f	Luxembg	17	63	s	Rhodes	28	82	s
Cologne	19	66	s	Luxor	38	100	s	Rio de J	27	81	s
C'phagn	15	59	f	Madrid	18	64	f	Riyadh	38	100	s

Rome	26	82	f								
Salzburg	18	64	s								
S F'isco	18	64	f								
S Paulo	32	90	s								
Seoul	20	68	f								
Stkholm	15	59	s								
Strasb'g	18	64	f								
Sydney	19	66	s								
Tangier	21	70	f								
Tel Aviv	33	90	f								
Tenerife	26	77	f								
Tokyo	21	70	r								
Toronto	24	75	s								
Tunis	34	93	s								
Valencia	15	59	r								
Vanc'ver	17	63	s								
Venice	21	70	f								
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Warsaw	12	54	r								
Wash'ton	24	75	f								
Zurich	13	55	c								

Temperatures at midday local time X = not available

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	3.27	7.0	3.37	6.9	Liverpool	12.36	9.2	12.57	9.2
Aberdeen	2.51	4.2	3.11	4.1	Lowestoft	11.01	2.6	11.21	2.6
Avonmouth	8.54	13.1	9.10	12.9	Margate	1.40	4.6	1.44	4.6
Belfast	12.27	3.5	12.46	3.4	Milford Haven	7.50	6.7	8.07	6.7
Cardiff	8.39	11.98	8.58	11.81	Newquay	6.43	6.5	7.09	6.5
Devonport	7.21	5.3	7.36	5.2	Oban	7.08	3.9	7.31	3.9
Dover	12.43	6.5	12.55	6.6	Padzarce	6.21	5.4	6.46	5.4
Falmouth	6.51	5.1	7.05	5.0	Portland	8.18	2.0	8.33	2.0
Glasgow	2.36	4.8	2.49	4.8	Portsmouth	12.48	4.8	1.06	4.8
Harwich	1.24	3.5	1.31	3.6	Shoreham	12.52	6.0	1.04	6.0
Holyhead	11.59	5.3	-	-	Southampton	12.10	4.4	12.28	4.4
Hull	7.58	7.46	8.16	7.13	Swansea	7.55	6.2	8.12	6.2
Ilfracombe	7.32	8.93	7.50	8.82	Tees	5.11	8.2	5.33	8.2
King's Lynn	8.01	6.7	8.22	6.4	Wilton-on-Nzd	1.20	4.0	1.31	4.0
Leith	4.07	5.4	4.27	5.3					

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Sun rises: 6.48 am — Sun sets: 6.57 pm

Moon sets: 10.41 am — Moon rises: 8.14 pm

London 6.57 pm to 6.49 am
Bristol 7.07 pm to 6.59 am
Edinburgh 7.10 pm to 7.01 am
Manchester 7.06 pm to 6.58 am
Penzance 7.19 pm to 7.11 am

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Anglo-American line-up begins talks to save Swan yard

—BY PAUL WILKINSON

ELEVENTH-HOUR talks that may yet save the stricken Swan Hunter shipyard began yesterday. However, the receivers of Tyneside's last shipbuilder, said that no purchase offer is yet on the table and any rescue was still far off.

The would-be saviour of the 650 remaining jobs at the Wallsend warship yard is a consortium of British and American firms led by David Tristram, 54, and his Manchester engineering consultancy, Organisation Management and Survey. Yesterday, he said that the consortium expected to make a firm offer before the end-of-the-month deadline set by Price Waterhouse, the yard's receivers.

If successful, the consortium would switch the yard to building merchant ships, and diversify into ship repair, general engineering and extruding aluminium sections for the American construction industry. Orders for four ships valued in all at £240 million would be immediately available, Mr Tristram said. He gave warning that the payroll would be unlikely to return to the 2,500 employed before receivers were called in, 16 months ago.

Gordon Horsfield, the Price Waterhouse partner who has led negotiations, acknowledged the OMS declaration of interest, but said: "It is important at this early stage not to raise false hopes and to take a level-headed view of the situation. To date, no acceptable offer has been put to the receivers, nor have we yet seen any evidence of a capability to fund such an offer were it to be made. Discussions with OMS are likely to continue so that the position can be clarified, but, in the meantime, the run-down associated with the completion of the last frigate, *HMS Richmond*, will not be affected."

When *Richmond* leaves, on November 2, all work at the yard will cease. A deal with the French consortium Soffia/CMN, which looked like the last hope of selling Swan as a going concern, collapsed this month because the bid failed to match the yard's £7 million asset value. Price Waterhouse said then that it would have to consider break-up offers. Mr Tristram said that his consortium partners include a US aluminium extrusion company and an Anglo-American shipyard operator with interests in the Far East. That firm would take over daily operations at the yard.

The partnership also included an un-named shipbuilder keen to order two £24 million, 250ft aluminium-hulled catamaran ferrys for Mediterranean use. Each would have capacity of 600 passengers and 130 vehicles. Mr Tristram said that the two other potential orders are from America, for oil-industry diving support ships.

He said he had "submitted an exciting proposal to the receiver, one which would see Swan Hunter regain its position as a major shipbuilder in the UK".

Eddie Darke, a union convenor at the yard, said that unions had been in contact with OMS for 12 months, without progress.

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Manufacturers warn prices must increase

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

MANY manufacturers still expect to increase their prices, according to the latest monthly trends survey by the Confederation of British Industry, published today. This follows the pre-emptive rise in interest rates that was aimed at curtailing inflation.

City economists believe that the signs of resurgent inflation contained in recent CBI surveys were a key factor in last week's half-point rate rise, though CBI leaders insist that their members in industry cannot be held responsible for the increase.

The survey covered 1,250 manufacturing companies, responsible for roughly half of UK manufacturing industry's employment and exports. Two thirds of them said they expected their prices to remain unchanged over the next four months, but almost one in four hoped to increase them, one in ten expected to cut them.

The resulting balance of 15 per cent of companies — those expecting increases, set against those forecasting falls — is unchanged from the August figure. It compares with a negative balance of 1 per cent recorded a year ago, and is the fifth successive month of positive balances.

While most responses to the CBI's survey were received before the base rate rise, the figures indicate a clear trend in manufacturers' intentions, regardless of the economic policy framework.

The CBI emphasises manufacturers' moderating expectations" on output. After indications in August of the best growth prospects for six years, the balance of companies forecasting increases in output has fallen from 30 to 23 per cent, though this is still higher than the 17 per cent balance a year ago.

The survey suggests, in the CBI's view, that overall demand has stabilised. Export and overall demand is little changed from August, and slightly higher stock levels remain more than adequate to meet expected demand.

The CBI issued a warning yesterday against economic policies designed to increase the "feel-good" factor that ministers acknowledge is still missing. Sir Bryan Nicholson, the organisation's president, said pursuing this at the expense of sustained economic improvement might lead to "the sort of boom and bust cycle that we have seen — and suffered from — before".

Speaking to CBI members in Belfast, Sir Bryan said last week's base rate rise would do little to stimulate the "elusive feel-good factor", though he insisted that it would be wrong to overplay its significance, since no one expected it to halt the economic recovery.

The CBI leader called for more investment by both the public and the private sectors, to ensure that the recovery stayed on track.

☐ Eddie George, the Governor of the Bank of England, told another CBI meeting, in Gateshead, that the decision to raise base rates on September 12 had not been an easy one. But, on balance, the risk of higher inflation was greater than the risk that the rate rise would stall economic growth.

He added: "I am as confident as I can be that by acting to raise interest rates in a carefully considered and quite deliberate way . . . the Chancellor has given us the best chance of creating the conditions in which the economy can continue to prosper."

DENZIL McNEELANCE



Hugh Blakeway Webb, the chairman, said yesterday that costs would be tailored

Permanent priced at Ir£183m

BY ROBERT MILLER

IRISH Permanent, the former building society that completed its conversion to a public company this week, yesterday announced details of its stock market flotation that will capitalise the company at Ir£183 million when its shares begin trading in Dublin and London on October 27.

Nearly 31 million shares, worth Ir£50 million, will be offered to institutional investors and qualifying members of Irish Permanent, the Irish Republic's fourth-largest financial institution, at a price of Ir£1.80 a share.

An additional block of shares worth Ir£5.4 million is being sold on behalf of members who want to dispose of the free allocations that they received in May this year.

After expenses, the company, which is forecasting a net final dividend for the year-end in December of Ir6p, will raise Ir£37.1 million of new capital.

The company, which was formerly the largest building society in the republic, has total assets of Ir£3.3 billion, including mortgage loans of Ir£2 billion. This represents about 35 per cent of the total assets of Ir£7.8 billion of all Irish building societies.

Irish Permanent said yesterday that it had plans to extend its branch network in the United Kingdom beyond the present London locations of Kilburn and Hammersmith. Share applications for the company must be lodged by October 14.

BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3021.2	(+6.4)
Yield	4.16%	
FT-SE A All share	1517.35	(+1.02)
Nikkei	19833.67	(-51.71)
New York:		
Dow Jones	3852.61	(+1.01)*
S&P Composite	462.64	(+1.18)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	4¾%*	(4¾%)
Long Bond	96⅛*	(96⅛)
Yield	7.78%*	(7.81%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	5⅞%	(5⅞%)
Life long gilt future (Sep)	99	(98)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5765*	(1.5785)
London:		
$	1.5785	(1.5777)
DM	2.4392	(2.4418)
FFr	8.3390	(8.3480)
SFr	2.0250	(2.0250)
Yen	154.58	(154.53)
£ Index	79.8	(79.7)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.5474*	(1.5464)
FFr	5.2890*	(5.2858)
SFr	1.2845*	(1.2825)
Yen	98.00*	(97.75)
$ Index	62.0	(61.9)

Tokyo close Yen 97.94

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Nov)	16.15	($16.00)

GOLD

London close	$394.05	($394.25)

* denotes midday trading price

Car investment

Peugeot, the French carmaker, plans to invest £150 million by the end of next year to raise output at its Ryton plant in Coventry by 25 per cent, introduce a new model there and concentrate group production of right-hand drive hatchbacks and saloons at its British works Page 26

Papers ahead

United Newspapers, owners of the *Daily Express* and *Daily Star*, unveiled a 36 per cent acquisition-assisted rise in profits to almost £70 million for the first half this year, but Lord Stevens, the chairman, said the group had no plans to cut cover prices, despite falling sales of its main titles Page 27

Publishers pledge to defend NBA in court

THE Publishers Association has reaffirmed its unequivocal support for the Net Book Agreement and said it would defend it through the courts (Susan Gilchrist writes).

The announcement came after widespread consultation with publishers in the wake of the decision by Sir Bryan Carsberg, director-general of Fair Trading, to take the case for the abolition of the NBA to the Restrictive Practices Court. Sir Bryan believes the NBA, which prevents retailers from selling most books at less than the official cover price, is against the public interest.

Nick Chapman, president of The Publishers Association, said it now had a new mandate from its members to defend the NBA. But he gave warning that defence of the agreement would be expensive and called on publishers to pledge funds.

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Laura Ashley cuts coat to suit costs

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

THE new management team at Laura Ashley yesterday gave warning that the heavy cost of restructuring the fashion to fabrics group would hit profits in the current year. Shareholders were told to expect no more than a nominal dividend.

Geoff Haslehurst, the new finance director, said action needed to reduce the group's high fixed-cost base would adversely affect profits in the second half, although he refused to disclose the likely scale of any exceptional charges.

In marked contrast to the previous management, whose priority was to invest in the Laura Ashley brand, Mr Haslehurst said the new team was determined to tackle costs in every area of the business. He said substantial savings could be made from cutting jobs and rationalising offices and stock levels. It will not be known how many of the 4,500 staff will be affected until the current review is completed this year.

The group made pre-tax profits of £5.1 million, up from £1.3 million, in the six months to July 30, after a £6.3 million exceptional gain from the sale of an interest in Revman Industries. There is again no interim dividend.

At the operating level, however, there was a loss of £100,000 (£800,000 profit) after £3.3 million was paid out in the first wave of exceptional restructuring costs. These included the £1.2 million pay-off to Jim Maxmin, the former chief executive. Mr Haslehurst said the group was unlikely to appoint a new chief executive until next year. Retail sales grew by 4 per cent in the first half although like for like sales were flat.

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M&S to accept debit cards

BY SARA MCCONNELL

MARKS and Spencer has finally agreed to accept Visa and Switch debit cards in all its UK stores from next summer after years of wrangling with banks over the cost of processing transactions.

It will still refuse to accept credit cards, continuing to take only its own chargecard and budget cards. There are now four million Marks and Spencer accounts.

Fears that debit cards would erode the number of charge and budget cards have, however, proved unfounded. The store has been experimenting with Switch cards in three branches in London, Leicester and Nottingham for the past four years and it had little impact on the store's own cards.

Keith Oates, managing director and deputy chairman, said: "There have always been concerns over the cost of bank charges. However, we have concluded lengthy negotiations with the banks." M&S's Switch card transactions will be processed by Midland and Visa Delta transactions by Barclays. Customers will be able to pay with debit cards in all UK stores by October 1995 after M&S has enhanced point of sale technology.

The move was widely welcomed by Switch and Visa. Tim Green, Switch's general manager said: "We are absolutely delighted that Marks and Spencer has agreed to take Switch. Until now, customers have only been able to pay by cash or cheque or M&S's own store card."

Guinness scores with stout World Cup sales



Greener: rich brew

BY NEIL BENNETT
DEPUTY BUSINESS EDITOR

GUINNESS, the drinks group, suffered a 5 per cent slump in spirit sales in the first half of the year due to bad weather in America and destocking in Britain and Japan. In spite of the fall, the group increased profits 5 per cent to £320 million. Sales of Guinness stout during the World Cup and sponsorship of the Irish football team had helped to boost profits 9 per cent to £108 million in the brewing division, the group said.

Guinness is appointing Finn Johnsson, a Swede, as the managing director of United Distillers, the spirits division. The head of Euroc, a Scandinavian building products group, Johnsson was chosen after a year-long search by Tony Greener, Guinness's chairman, during which he has interview more than 20 candidates.

Mr Greener said yesterday that the group's results were "sound in difficult circumstances". Guinness was adversely affected by economic difficulties in Venezuela, one of the world's leading whisky markets, which are expected to cost £20 million in lost profits this year.

Guinness's total turnover slipped by 1 per cent during the half year, although profits improved thanks partly to a £29 million fall in interest charges due to lower borrowings. Earnings per share rose 1 per cent to 11.1p and the group is increasing its half-year dividend 8 per cent to 3.9p.

Mr Greener said that the group increased its marketing spending 5 per cent, using money saved from the rationalisation of its distilleries and bottling plants in Scotland.

Mr Greener highlight a growing battle in the whisky market as the group prepares to relaunch Bell's as an eight-year-old whisky. Rival brands, such as Teachers, are being reduced in price or being sold on special offer.

Volumes at Guinness Brewing increased 2 per cent in the half year as sales of stout improved thanks to increased advertising. Mr Greener said that Cruzcampo, the troubled Spanish subsidiary, had improved its underlying profitability.

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Cluff perceives gleam of gold

BY COLIN CAMPBELL, MINING CORRESPONDENT

ALGY Cluff, the chairman of Cluff Resources, said the company's Ayanfuri operation, in Ghana, would produce its first gold next month, and he was confident of Cluff's ability "to return to sustained profit from 1995".

The gold producing and exploration group, which has interests in Zimbabwe, Ghana and Tanzania, is extending its exploration thrust and "is actively looking at other parts of Africa", Mr Cluff said.

A Cluff diamond prospect in Zimbabwe has yielded 6.2 carats of stones from a bulk sample of 115 tonnes. Aberfoyle Holdings, the industrial and agricultural group in which Cluff has a 70 per cent stake, has broken even. Mr Cluff said the recent signing of an exploration agreement for the fabled Geita mine, on the banks of Lake Victoria — East Africa's largest gold mine — held considerable promise.

Mr Cluff said drilling at Geita should start in February and a pre-feasibility study should be completed by mid-1995. Between 1938 and its closure in 1966, Geita produced about 900,000 ounces of gold.

Cluff's gold operating costs in the six months to June 30 were, in line with a previous warning, higher because of lower grade from the Freda open pit mine, in Zimbabwe. Costs should, however, fall below $220 an ounce by the year end.

The group is heading for gold production of 135,000 ounces in 1995, Mr Cluff said, pointing out that a $10 change in the gold price would have an immediate $1.3 million impact on Cluff's bottom line.

The group's extensive exploration activity contributed to a net loss of £661,000 in the first half of the year, down from £726,000 the previous time.

The shares, in which institutional investors are taking an increasing interest, were steady at 49p.

Peugeot to invest £150m at Coventry

BY KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

PEUGEOT is raising output at its plant at Ryton, Coventry, by 25 per cent, underlining the renewal of confidence in the British motor industry. Investment of £150 million by the end of next year will enable the plant to add a new model and expand output from 1,600 to 2,000 cars a week.

Ryton will also become the sole supplier of right-hand drive Peugeot hatchbacks and saloons to Japan, and in the spring it will add the new 306 Sedan to its three- and five-door range. The saloon will sell for about £10,000, attacking a market segment that has been dominated recently by the Ford Orion.

Components suppliers will enjoy knock-on benefits from the expansion, and several hundred jobs will be created, adding to the 5,000 people already employed in supplying Ryton. Output increases will help to push Peugeot's British operations back into profit. Last year, there was a pre-tax loss of £8.7 million, as the business grappled with depressed exports and a weak UK market.

Geoffrey Whalen, Peugeot's UK managing director, disclosed yesterday that the Department of Trade and Industry had offered a grant of £1.2 million. He said: "The investment underlines the fact that Ryton is an important part of the Peugeot group and has a solid and secure future.

"We cannot estimate precisely how many jobs will be created but our suppliers expect to offer several hundred new jobs to cope with the extra workload from Ryton."

Peugeot's British operations are an unsung success story, submerged by publicity surrounding big Japanese motor industry investments. The French carmaker bought a virtually insolvent business from Chrysler in 1979, inheriting a 1 per cent share of the UK market for new cars.

The productivity achieved by Ryton's 3,000 employees has been growing strongly — by 12 per cent in 1992 and 6 per cent in 1993. The improvement this year will be about 10 per cent. Domestic sales will account for most of Ryton's output, but the plant will produce all right-hand-drive 306 hatchbacks and saloons — for which, potentially, there are huge export markets.

Sales to Japan could start at 5,000 cars a year but ultimately rise to 25,000 if the car is a success there. Ryton will also supply Australia, Singapore and Malaysia, as well as Europe.

Peugeot's announcement came as the Government issued figures showing output from the motor industry continuing to recover. Production in August was up 5.97 per cent, year on year, to 70,633 cars; exports increased 6.98 per cent, to 28,524.

Production in the first eight months of the year was 2.34 per cent higher, at 949,450, putting the industry on course for total output of 1.4 million cars this year.

MDIS slumps to 112p

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

SHARES in McDonnell Information Systems Group, the computer services company, nearly halved, falling 104p to 112p, wiping £106 million off the group's market value, after it accompanied a 33 per cent slump in first-half profits with a warning on full-year profits.

MDIS, floated in March at 260p a share, saw pro-forma pre-tax profits fall to £5.04 million in the six months to June 30 (£7.53 million). Turnover fell 3 per cent to £68.6 million. It blamed a delay on expected first-half orders and a rise in research and development costs. Full-year profits would be below last year's £21.2 million. Jerry Causley, chief executive, said: "We have been surprised by the extent of delays in placing orders in the public sector and this has directly hit our results."

Earnings were 3.48p (4.86p) a share and the interim dividend is 2.3p. NatWest Securities, MDIS's broker, has cut full-year profit estimate from £25.7 million to a pro-forma £17 million.

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BUSINESS TO-AND-FRO

RMC's half-time leap bucks building trend

A HEALTHY recovery in United Kingdom demand for heavy materials and continued high levels of German construction activity allowed RMC Group to buck the trend with a 60.4 per cent advance in first-half profits. Pre-tax profits at the ready-mixed concrete to building materials group jumped to £98.8 million in the six months to June 30, up from £61.6 million last time, as turnover expanded 14 per cent to £1.92 billion.

Booming activity in the British new housebuilding market helped UK profits more than double to £33.3 million (£14.1 million), on turnover ahead to £527 million (£454.3 million), while German profits climbed to £57.2 million (£52.9 million), on turnover up to £782.2 million (£726.8 million). The interim dividend is raised to 7p (6.6p), from earnings ahead 84 per cent to 24.6p (13.4p) a share. The shares added 19p to 927p.

Lloyd Thompson ahead

LLOYD Thompson, the insurance broking group, defied difficult conditions in the London market and a decline in investment income to lift pre-tax profits 5 per cent, from £17.4 million to £18.2 million, in the year to June 30. Earnings per share slipped to 14.36p, from 14.8p, but the dividend rises to 7.8p (6.7p) with a 5.4p final. A rise of 22 per cent at operating level was largely offset by a fall in investment income to £4.2 million (£6 million) caused by lower interest rates and a decline in the value of fixed-interest securities.

Murray qualifies

MURRAY Ventures, the investment trust managed by Murray Johnstone, of Glasgow, has become the first venture capital trust to qualify as a full personal equity plan in which up to £6,000 can be invested. The trust also announced a record year for unlisted investments at £31.4 million and an increase in the final dividend to 11.5p a share for the year ending July 31. Net assets per share increased to 372p a share (346.6p). The total return on net assets was 11.7 per cent, compared with 11 per cent for the FTA All-Share index.

PizzaExpress speeds up

MORE new customers and improved margins helped PizzaExpress, the restaurant group that came to the market last year, to serve up a big increase in full-year profits. Pre-tax, they jumped to £5.68 million (£1.42 million) in the year to June 30, as turnover, bolstered by acquisition, expanded to £26.8 million (£15.7 million). Profits were boosted by a £858,000 gain on the disposal of the computing businesses. Restaurant sales were ahead 14.5 per cent. A 1p final dividend makes a 2p total (nil).

SWW seeks referral

SOUTH West Water has formally asked Ofwat's Ian Byatt, its regulator, to refer its new ten-year price limits to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, as foreshadowed on July 28. It is demanding a further appeal to the MMC against infrastructure charges imposed by Mr Byatt for new connections. Keith Court, SWW's chairman, said: "The Ofwat determinations jeopardise the ability of South West Water Services to meet its obligations and the reasonable expectations of its customers for quality and service."

TT looks to buy again

TT GROUP, the fast-growing holding company whose takeovers have included AB Electronics, Magnetic Materials, and Dale Electric International, could soon return to the acquisitions trail. The company, which lifted profits to £14.9 million before tax, from £9.4 million, in the half year to the end of June, said its strong cash position, arising from a £51.4 million rights issue last year, would sustain capital investment and finance future acquisitions. Earnings per share rose to 10.2p (7.8p). The interim dividend is 3.2p (2.6p).

RMC

INTERIM RESULTS

Half Year to 30th June 1994

Highlights of Unaudited Group Results

	1994	1993
Turnover	**£1,919.1m**	£1,685.3m
Profit before Interest	**£116.9m**	£84.8m
Profit before Taxation	**£98.8m**	£61.6m
Earnings per Share	**24.6p**	13.4p
Dividend per Share	**7.0p**	6.6p

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Michael Stone, chairman, right, and Stanley Fink, finance director, yesterday

Market jitters hit Man float price

STOCK market jitters have forced ED & F Man, the commodities and financial group, to cut its flotation price by 10 per cent (Sarah Bagnall writes). Schroders, the merchant bank sponsoring the placing and public offer of 61.1 million shares, has trimmed the price from an expected 200p a share to 180p.

The flotation values the group at £462.6 million and will make Harvey McGrath, the managing director, a paper multi-millionaire, with shares worth £13.9 million. The company is currently owned by 100 of its London staff, who will realise £35 million from the offer. The issue will raise £68.5 million.

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COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

CASSELL (Int)
Pre-tax: £179,000 loss
EPS: 7.3p loss
Div: Nil (nil)
Previous interim loss was £345,000 before tax and 17.7p a share. A final dividend will be declared

CLS HOLDINGS (Int)
Pre-tax: £8.37m
EPS: 8.4p (1.5p loss)
Div: 0.4p (nil)
There was a £1.49 million loss last time. Profits were lifted by cancellation of debt at a discount

DAGENHAM MTRS (Int)
Pre-tax: £1.81m (£1.3m)
EPS: 5.7p (5p)
Div: 2p (1.75p)
Turnover rose to £101.7 million from £84.85 million. August car market failed to meet forecasts but used car market is buoyant

EADIE HLDGS (Int)
Pre-tax: £262,000
EPS: 0.32p (1.09p)
Div: 0.3p (0.3p)
Previous interim profit was £850,000. An improvement in trading is expected in the second half

EDMOND HOLDINGS (Int)
Pre-tax: £130,000
EPS: 0.26p (0.26p loss)
Div: 0.15p (0.15p)
There was £187,000 loss before tax last time. Housing market fragile, with only slight rise in Humberside and Yorkshire

EW FACT (Int)
Pre-tax: £1.2m
EPS: 4.37p (5.36p)
Div: 1.94p (1.76p)
There was a £602,000 profit last time. Turnover rose to £5 million from £2.4 million. Enrolment levels still disappointing

IND. CONTROL (Fin)
Pre-tax: £7.22m
EPS: 10.64p (9.76p)
Div: 3.5p, mkg 5p
Previous year's profit was £6.23 million and total dividend was 4.4p. Order books are 15 per cent higher year-on-year

JEYES GROUP (Int)
Pre-tax: £1.27m loss
EPS: 4.3p loss
Div: 3.3p (3.3p)
There was a £374,000 profit last time, with earnings of 1.2p a share. Gearing rose to 83.7 per cent from 54.5 per cent

MORE O'FERRALL (Int)
Pre-tax: £2.8m (£2.1m)
EPS: 5.7p (4.4p)
Div: 3.2p (3.2p)
Order books for the second half are significantly stronger than this time last year, although France and Belgium still difficult

SPANDEX (Int)
Pre-tax: £3.25m (£2.45m)
EPS: 6.3p (4.6p)
Div: 0.75p (0.7p)
Turnover rose to £33.9 million from £30 million. Gearing expected to rise as capital expenditure accelerates

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.28	2.09
Austria Sch	18.13	16.63
Belgium Fr	53.31	48.91
Canada $	2.222	2.092
Cyprus Cypf	0.777	0.727
Denmark Kr	10.21	9.41
Finland Mkk	8.37	7.67
France Fr	8.78	8.08
Germany Dm	2.59	2.38
Greece Dr	397.00	382.00
Hong Kong $	12.81	11.81
Ireland Pt	1.06	0.96
Italy Lira	2555.00	2400.00
Japan Yen	169.50	162.50
Malta	0.617	0.562
Netherlds Gld	2.881	2.651
Norway Kr	11.27	10.47
Portugal Esc	259.00	240.50
S Africa Rd		5.44
Spain Pta	209.00	195.00
Sweden Kr	12.40	11.60
Switzerland Fr	2.17	1.99
Turkey Lira	rates	51560.0
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☐ Strike while the ire is hot ☐ Same old story from the publishers ☐ Unfinished Swan song

Nothing ventured, nothing lost

☐ THE new issues market is suffering from an unpleasant type of kiss and tell. The brokers who sponsor new issues and the venture capital funds that make pots of money from them are the players. The victims are, as usual, the investors.

The game goes like this. A new issue is tarted up for market and the broker goes around, with the help of a faithful public relations flunky, letting everyone know what a wonderful business it is. This brief love affair with the City includes dozens of trysts with the leading fund managers and endless presentations on the company's potential.

Once the investors have been persuaded to part with their cash, comes the nasty bit. After a few months' silence, the company suddenly tells the world that perhaps its prospects are not as rosy as it thought and that profits are heading for a nasty dip this year owing to totally unexpected circumstances. Its share price duly plummets, leaving its shareholders feeling aggrieved, and the brokers relieved that they managed to trundle the business on to the market before its wheels came off.

Yesterday was the turn of McDonnell Information Sytems to broadcast the bad news. Profits from the computer group fell by a third in the first half of the year, prompting the shares to collapse by more than half and all the management can do is scratch their heads and wonder where it all went wrong.

Investors who bought the shares at their flotation in February might not take such a sanguine view. Back then they paid a premium price for shares in a business that was meant to be going places. A company bought out from McDonnell Douglas in March 1993 for £125 million was suddenly worth £250 million and the institutions including Barings, Commercial Union and Charterhouse which had pumped £64 million into the buyout were sitting on a profit of almost £120 million.

MDIS's fall from grace comes only a day after Aerostructures Hamble admitted that its business was not as rosy as a glance as April's prospectus suggested. In all, six new issues this year have given profit warnings, most of them former MBOs. Investors have been burnt badly, much to the disinterest of the venture capital funds who largely made their money and got out.

It is clear that many of these companies should never have been brought to market at all. For some, the ink is hardly dry on their MBO before they are under pressure from the backers to float.

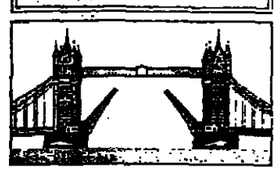
It is surely time for investors to bite back. Even the most persuasive broker cannot force them to buy shares in these lemons. Given the rough treatment they have been subjected to, and the dicey state of the stock market, a new issue strike could be on the cards. The venture capital funds should be shown that the stock market is not a convenient dustbin where they can cash in shares in businesses they originally agreed to support.

Booked for dissent

☐ THE Publishers Association is beginning to sound like a tedious know-it-all who sits in his local pub trotting out the same illogical diatribe night after night. When nobody agrees with his view, he simply repeats it all over again, only a little louder.

Last month, Sir Bryan Carsberg, the director-general of Fair

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Trading, was the one to protest by recommending the abolition of the NBA. He announced his intention to take the case to the Restrictive Practices Court.

Yesterday, the Council of the Publishers Association emerged from its monthly meeting to reaffirm its unequivocal support of the agreement. It duly delivered its standard defence — the abolition of the NBA would mean fewer books, higher prices and fewer bookshops.

Give this argument a slight push and it falls to pieces. The advocates of price control have been hounded out of all other areas of commercial life yet their grip on the books trade still seems unshakeable. In countries where the book trade operates in a competitive free market, prices are lower and sales higher. Indeed, it could be argued that the existence of the NBA actually limits book sales. And it might not just be limiting the sale of bestsellers. If books were cheaper, this could stimulate secondary purchases, which might well benefit a wide range of books outside the top ten. To claim that the NBA keeps book prices down is nonsense since book prices have consistently risen well ahead of inflation. In a world where books are competing against a diverse range of other media, including videos, cassettes and increasingly CD-Rom, the publishing world risks pricing itself out of the market.

There has already been a reduction in the number of bookshops in the past ten to fifteen years, regardless of the NBA and the growth of chain stores like Dillons and Waterstones, mirroring the changes that have occurred in all parts of the high street.

The Publishers Association claims it is protecting the public interest. That is questionable. What is certain is that it is protecting publishers' margins. The one thing the NBA has preserved is the inefficiencies of the book trade.

How about the cash Mr Tristram?

☐ LIKE a rabbit from a conjurer's hat, David Tristram, a Manchester consultant, yesterday produced a £240 million workload for Swan Hunter, the failed Tyneside shipbuilder.

Two aluminium ferries, and two offshore support ships are needed by overseas operators, and he wants Swan to build them. An Anglo-American consortium, assembled by Mr Tristram, was preparing to buy the yard and start work. Swan's long-suffering workforce will be forgiven a sceptical response.

Mr Tristram has been floating around in the wings of the Swan Hunter drama for a year, to little effect. During the long months while Gordon Horsfield, the joint-receiver, struggled to conclude a deal with Soffia/CMN, Mr Tristram had ample time to table a rival offer. Instead, we are told, he asked the French, who know a bit about shipbuilding, to join his consortium.

Anyone can offer to buy a bankrupt shipyard. Doing so requires money. A group buying Swan Hunter as a going concern and failing to keep the employees would face redundancy liabilities of more than £8 million. The assets are worth perhaps £7 million, given a fair wind. Only a break-up offer makes economic sense. That does not bar a resumption of shipbuilding on Tyneside. But Mr Tristram's plans sound too good to be true, and probably are. The Tyne & Wear Development Corporation, Tyneside TEC, and the Department of Industry believe making sub-sea equipment for the oil industry offers a more promising future and offers a greater chance of success.

Faulty line

☐ GERMANY, whose telephone monopoly is one of the world's most monolithic, has taken up the cudgels for competition, declaring boldly that it will go it alone unless the EU ends monopolies on networks, as well as calls, in 1998. If all EU members cannot manage this, says its post minister, a core of advanced states could move together. In some respects, it seems, the Continent is still cut off.

United rules out joining newspaper price war

BY SARAH BAGNALL

LORD Stevens, chairman of United Newspapers, yesterday ruled out any cuts in cover prices of the group's national titles despite their falling circulations.

"Our policy is to maintain cover prices and enhance the value of our titles to our readers," he said.

All the group's major titles suffered falls in circulation in the six months to June 30. Lord Stevens said: "The price cuts of competing titles have contributed to circulation losses at the *Daily Express* and *Daily Star*, which were 9 per cent and 3 per cent respectively. *Sunday Express* sales have also fallen and market share has declined."



Lord Stevens: circulation fell

The fall in circulation revenue was partly offset by a tight control of costs and a 6 per cent rise in advertising revenues. As a result, the fall in national newspaper profits was restricted to 5 per cent, to £15.4 million, on static turnover of £149.8 million.

Lord Stevens gave warning that national newspapers face a difficult second half "although, to date, the latest price cuts of broadsheet titles have had only a small impact".

National newspapers account for 21 per cent of group profits, with more than 75 per cent coming from media operations in Europe, the US and South-East Asia. These operations performed well.

As a result, pre-tax profits before exceptional items rose from £52.5 million to £69.9 million on sales of £508.1 million, up from £447.6 million last time.

The dividend was lifted 3.3 per cent to 7.75p, paid out of earnings before exceptionals of 19p a share, up 11.8 per cent. The shares closed 2p higher at 500p. Excluding national newspapers, all the group's business areas contributed to the growth in profit.

Profits from magazines and exhibitions leapt 43 per cent to £23.9 million and profits from advertising periodicals advanced 20 per cent to £17.5 million. Regional newspaper profits rose by £1.5 million to £15.5 million, reflecting the recovery in the UK economy in the first quarter of the year.

Operating profits rose 17 per cent, helped by strong performances from newly acquired businesses, such as Hong Kong International Trade Fair Group and Harmon Homes in the US. Stripping out the benefit of acquisitions, operating profits rose 6.5 per cent.

The group spent £125 million on acquisitions in the first half. Net debt is £69 million, compared with net cash of £4 million at the start of the year.

Lord Stevens said the group was cash generative and ready to face the market challenges that lie ahead.

Prices warning at Wm Morrison

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

WILLIAM Morrison, the north of England food retailer, shrugged off the effects of the supermarket price wars with a 24 per cent rise in first-half profits. However, the group gave warning that competitive pressures would remain intense.

Pre-tax profits jumped to £47.4 million from £38.2 million in the six months to July 31, at the top end of analysts' expectations. Turnover rose 15.4 per cent to £861.8 million from £746.5 million, benefiting from the start of Sunday trading last November. Like-for-like sales rose 4.4 per cent.

Martin Ackroyd, finance director, said the price pressures, which have beset the industry for more than a year, are likely to continue for the foreseeable future. "None of our customers are clamouring for price increases so I don't expect the pressure to ease. It is a buyers' market."

In spite of price competition, gross margins rose 0.5 percentage points in the first half, against a weak period last year. Mr Ackroyd said a second-half rise was unlikely.

The group is pushing on with expansion. Five stores were opened in the first half, with three more planned before the year end. Mr Ackroyd expects expansion to continue at the rate of ten stores a year for the next few years.

Like-for-like sales are 2.6 per cent ahead of last year. The interim dividend rises to 0.24p (0.20p), up 20 per cent.

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McAlpine builds profits to £3.1m

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

A STRONG performance from housebuilding and building materials helped Alfred McAlpine, the construction group, to build pre-tax profits of £3.1 million in the eight months to June 30, against £894,000 in the six-month period last time.

Sir John Milne, chairman, said that the results were in line with expectations in spite of trading difficulties in the construction industry and a disappointing performance from the group's contracting operation in America.

He added that significant improvements in the results of the homes and minerals divisions were encouraging.

Last year's improvement in the order book helped turnover to advance to £449.7 million (£316.6 million). Operating profits from the homes division jumped to £7.8 million (£2 million), as the number of homes sold increased to 822 (773). Pre-tax profits at the division were £5.1 million (£300,000 loss).

New home prices did not increase materially during the period, but an improved sales mix saw the average selling price rise to £90,000 (£72,600).

Sir John said: "The strong recovery in the early part of the year weakened during June and July, but higher sales reservations in August provide an encouraging sign for the traditionally stronger market in the autumn. Visitors to the sites and reservations remain at satisfactory levels and a slightly higher rate of sale from an increased number of operating outlets has been sustained."

The interim dividend is held at 3p, from earnings of 3.1p a share.

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The Offer

The Offer is made on the following basis:

For each FBC Share **Four and one-quarter new MDA Shares**

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The Offer will be capable of acceptance from and after 3.00 p.m. on 23rd September, 1994 in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in the Offer Document and the accompanying Form of Acceptance. With effect from that time, the Offer is, by means of this advertisement, extended to all persons to whom the Offer Document may not be despatched who hold, or who are entitled to have unconditionally allotted or issued to them, FBC Shares. Such persons are informed that copies of the Offer Document and Forms of Acceptance are available for collection from Lloyds Bank Registrars, Receiving Bank Services at The Causeway, Goring-by-Sea, West Sussex BN99 6DA or from Teather & Greenwood at Salisbury House, London Wall, EC2M 5TH.

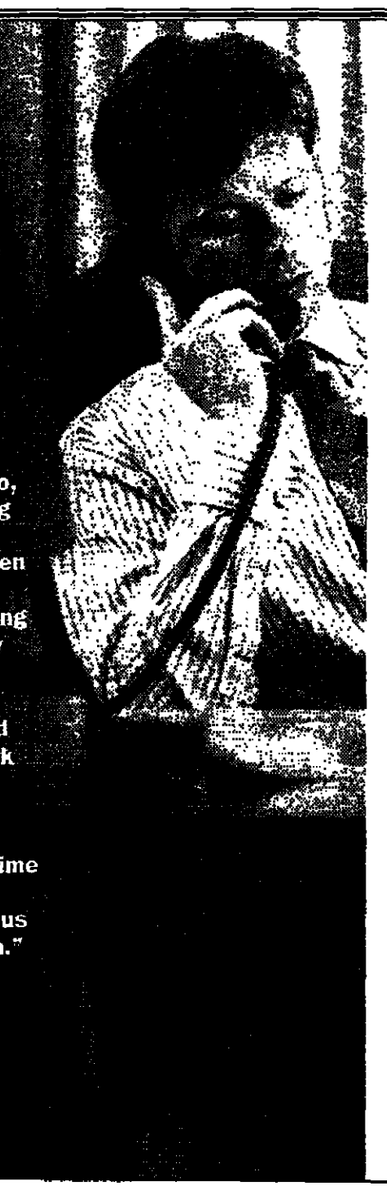
Acceptances of the Offer should be despatched as soon as possible and in any event so as to be received not later than 3.00 p.m. on 14th October, 1994. Instructions on how to accept the Offer are set out in the Offer Document and the Form of Acceptance.

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STOCK MARKET  MICHAEL CLARK

Tesco turns up heat in supermarket price war

HOPES of a cessation in the long and bitter food price war in Britain's high streets appeared to have been dashed by the decision of one leading player to launch a new promotional campaign.

Tesco has introduced its "New Deal" campaign, initially to 20 stores in the North-West, cutting the price of 75 lines of branded and own-label items. Brokers expect the promotion to be extended nationally, if it proves successful by lifting market share.

The move by Tesco sent a shudder through other supermarket chains and food manufacturers, signalling to the City that the price war, which was showing signs of relenting, had intensified. As a result, falls were seen in **Asda**, down 2¾p at 63p, **Argyll**, the Safeway supermarket chain, 10p at 277p, **Iceland**, 5½p at 157½p, **Kwik Save**, 6p at 589p, **Shoprite**, 2p at 39p, after going ex-dividend, and **J. Sainsbury**, 9p at 416p, in which 4.4 million shares were traded. Even Tesco came under the hammer, with a fall of 4p at 239p, as turnover reached a healthy 8 million shares. Among food manufacturers, **Dalgety** fell 6p to 439p, **Northern Foods** 4p to 197p, **Tate & Lyle** 6p to 434p, and **United Biscuits** 4p to 304p.

The story took the edge off **William Morrison**, which had just reported a 24 per cent increase in pre-tax profits at £47.4 million. The shares slipped 1p to 138p.

The rest of the equity market spent a lacklustre session still overshadowed by inflationary pressures and the possibility of further rises in interest rates on both sides of the Atlantic. But there was none of the recent volatility, with sentiment underpinned by a steadier performance on the bond market and an opening rise on Wall Street after several days of sharp losses.

The FT-SE 100 index saw an early lead of almost 13 points wiped out and replaced by a fall of six points. It eventually closed 6.4 up at 3,021.2. Trading conditions were thin and this was reflected in turnover of 546 million shares.

Granada continues to meet brokers in order to give them a rundown on current trading ahead of its half year-end on September 30. The shares finished 7p better at 491p on turnover of 1 million shares.

In banks, **Barclays** was a dull market, losing 13½p at 554p, with Warburg Securities, the broker, doing the damage. It is said to have told clients that the price is up with events, and urged them to reduce holdings. Warburg's comments also affected the rest of the sector, with **Lloyds** falling 9p to 530p, **National Westminster** 6p to 470p, and **HSBC** 4p to 696p.

Guinness fell 13p to 448p after disappointing the City with a 5 per cent rise in half-year pre-tax profits to £320 million. Shareholders were rewarded with an 8 per cent rise in the dividend to 3.9p.

United Newspapers, publisher of the *Daily* and *Sunday Express*, added 2p to 500p. The newspaper price war took its toll on first-half figures. In spite of this, the group managed to hoist pre-tax profits 32 per cent to £69.6 million, although profits from national newspaper publishing declined, with all three titles losing circulation.

RMC Group climbed 19p to 927p, cheered by a 60 per cent leap in pre-tax profits to £98.8 million at the halfway stage. The group attributed the rise to improved demand in Britain and continued high levels of construction activity in Germany. RMC's performance also cheered Tarmac, 7p better at 146p.

Laura Ashley, the soft furnishings retailer, edged 1p better to 66p despite a cautious view of second half prospects accompanying interim figures showing pre-tax profits up from £800,000 to £3.2 million. The group warned that restructuring costs would have an adverse affect on the second half and described the consumer recovery as patchy.

A warning of second-half losses left **Geest**, the banana producer, 31p down at 189p. The company blamed delays by the European Commission in finding a solution to the loss of banana output from the Windward Islands after last month's tropical storms which will drive up costs. The warning coincided with interim figures showing pretax profits recovering from £3 million to almost £18 million.

Ryland Group, the motor distributor enjoyed a modest premium in first-time trading. Placed at 80p by stockbroker Albert E.Sharp, the price went to a discount at 76p before rallying to close at its best of the day with a premium of 5p at 85p.

Jeyes Group plunged 59p to 176p after reporting interim losses and the resignation of Jimmy Moir, chief executive. He will be replaced by David Callear, finance director.

Shares of market newcomer **McDonnell Information Systems**, the computer services company, tumbled 104p to 112p, wiping more than £100 million from the stock market value, after the group issued a profits warning.

That accompanied interim figures showing pre-tax profits down 33 per cent at £5 million after delays in some orders and an increase in research and development spending. The group said results for the second half would fall short of those last year. MIS came to market in March with the shares pitched at 260p.

EW Fact, the training group, dropped 31p to 103p after giving warning that turnover in the second half would show a sharp drop. The company had experienced disappointing enrolment levels.

Earlier this week another newcomer, **Aerostructures Hamble**, upset the market with a profits warning that left its shares nursing a fall of 50p. The price was unchanged at 73p yesterday.

Graystone, the acquisitive engineering group, firmed 1p to 14½p, helped by a 2,000 per cent rise in full year pre-tax profits to £4.1 million.

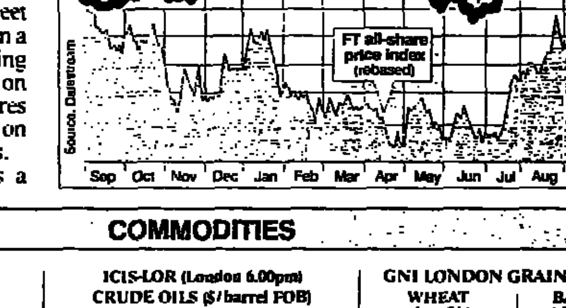
☐ **GILT-EDGED:** Prices were squeezed higher in late trading as dealers rushed to cover short positions. The December series of the long gilt future climbed £$\frac{27}{32}$ to £98$\frac{15}{16}$ in thin trading that saw 57,000 contracts completed. At the longer end of the cash market, Treasury 9 per cent 2012 jumped £$\frac{13}{16}$ to £101¾, while in shorts, Treasury 9½ per cent 1999 was £$\frac{9}{32}$ better at £102$\frac{7}{32}$.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Blue chips traded in a tight range, and by midday, the Dow Jones industrial average had gained 1.01 points to stand at 3,852.61.



Supermarkets face even more competition pressure

RANK Organisation made a favourable impression on analysts after taking them on a tour of its Pinewood film studios and video duplication operations. It seems worldwide film production is booming — good news for Rank, one of the biggest film processing operators. The shares responded with a 6p rise to 401p.



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3852.61 (+1.01)
S&P Composite .... 462.64 (+1.18)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average .... 19833.67 (-51.71)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 9668.14 (-156.61)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index .... 400.36 (-0.73)

Sydney:
AO .... 2028.2 (+1.6)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 2073.03 (-6.47)

Singapore:
Straits .... 2286.09 (-3.60)

Brussels:
General .... 7238.37 (-11.17)

Paris:
CAC-40 .... 1899.37 (+2.19)

Zurich:
SKA Gen .... 665.70 (+4.60)

London:
FT 30 .... 2340.2 (+2.6)
FT 100 .... 3021.2 (+6.4)
FT-SE Mid 250 .... 3562.1 (-8.0)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100 .... 1334.32 (-6.02)
FT A All-Share .... 1517.35 (+1.02)
FT Non Financials .... 1643.19 (+1.92)
FT Gold Mines .... 279.5 (+4.7)
FT Fixed Interest .... 106.67 (+0.17)
FT Govt Secs .... 90.08 (+0.37)
Bargains 23261
SEAQ Volume 546.3m
USM (Datastrm) .... 160.83 (-0.05)
US$ .... 1.5762 (-0.0028)
German Mark .... 2.4411 (+0.0020)
Exchange Index .... 79.8 (+0.1)
RPI .... 144.7 Aug (2.4%) Jan=100
Bank of England official close (4pm)

RECENT ISSUES

Beacon Inv Tst (100)	95	...
Beacon Inv Tst Wts	40	...
Compel (125)	124	...
Cont'l Foods Wts	1¼	...
Emerging Mkts C	61	-1
Indepndnt Prts (120)	118	...
Magnum Power	68	+4
Ryland (80)	85	...
Suter Wts 99/04	28	...
Templeton Emeg New	374	...
Templeton Emeg Wts	204	-3

RIGHTS ISSUES

Comm Union n/p (475)	21	+6
EMAP n/p (360)	15	+1
Weir Group n/p (252)	13	-4

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:
Allied Domecq .... 588p (+9p)
BPB Ind .... 296p (+11p)
Blue Circle .... 279p (+8p)
Marley .... 139p (+7p)
Redland .... 508p (+18p)
GUS .... 555p (+18p)
Cable Wireless .... 401p (+8p)
Glaxo .... 574p (+15p)
Granada .... 491p (+7p)
Thorn EMI .... 981p (+9p)
Vodafone .... 194½p (+8p)
Br Aerospace .... 463p (+18p)
Antofagasta .... 345p (+12p)

FALLS:
Kleinwort Benson .... 473p (-13p)
Lloyds .... 530p (-9p)
Guinness .... 448p (-13p)
Cookson .... 232p (-7p)
BPP .... 213p (-10p)
EW Fact .... 103p (-31p)
Amersham .... 979p (-14p)
Laporte .... 740p (-9p)
John Menzies .... 564p (-18p)
WH Smith .... 450p (-10p)
Borland .... 750p (-25p)
Farnell Elect .... 510p (-12p)
Carlton Comm .... 803p (-11p)
Jardine Strat .... 257p (-8p)
Argyll .... 277p (-10p)
Geest .... 189p (-31p)
J Sainsbury .... 416p (-9p)

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TEMPUS

Low spirits

LIFE has become so difficult for Guinness. Not long ago the group was riding a crest of double-digit sales and earnings growth as the world's drinkers offered little resistance to regular price rises and lapped up the group's clever brand marketing.

That seems a far cry from the flat prices and shrinking volumes that United Distillers is wrestling with today. While the group blames the 5 per cent fall in spirit volumes on a host of special factors, its traditional markets in Europe and America are at best flat in spite of the economic recovery. Guinness may be making better headway in brewing thanks to Ireland's fortunes in the World Cup, but such growth is small beer against the Distillers' difficulties.

Faced with such a weak market Tony Greener, the chairman, is not running with the herd of other consumer goods manufacturers and cutting prices to lift volumes. Instead, he is ploughing any manufacturing savings into increased marketing to recruit more scotch drinkers and reverse a 25-year trend against the drink. Given the group's flat revenues, the 9 per cent increase in marketing costs on key brands in the first half is a significant extra burden.

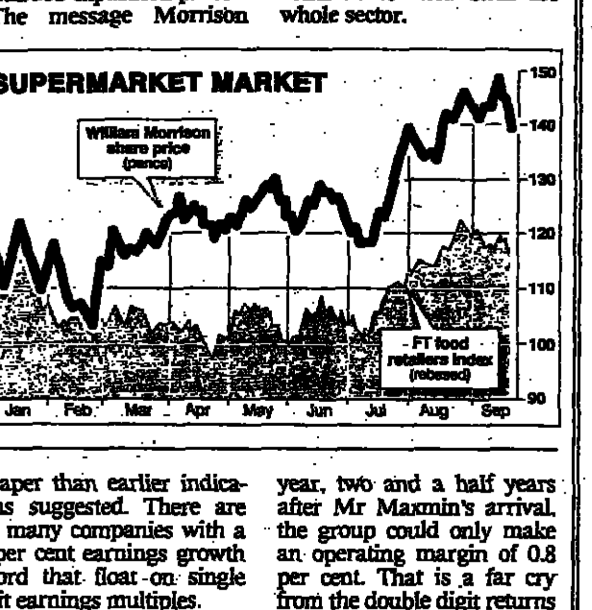
It is a bold policy, and out of step with rivals, such as Allied Domecq, which are keener to compete on price. It is also a plan unlikely to reap early rewards, since brand-building takes years. That is unlikely to win favour in the City, with its obsession with half-year figures. If any company can persuade customers to pay more, it is Guinness with its enviable brand portfolio. But until Mr Greener can show the tangible fruits of his policy, the shares are unlikely to motor.

Wm Morrison

WILLIAM Morrison has been everybody's favourite bid takeover candidate in the food retailing sector since Wm Low fell to Tesco this year. It certainly is an attractive business which many of the major superstore operators would like to get their hands on. The trouble is that it continues to be the highest-rated stock in the sector, whereas Wm Low, living up to its name, was at the other end of the scale. The family shareholding of about 40 per cent is also a solid defence against any hostile bid.

Yesterday's solid results will do little to dent Morrison's sparkling rating and hence is unlikely to open the door for predators. Even with an additional £3 million depreciation charge, the group still managed to produce a 24 per cent increase in profits. Like-for-like sales growth was a robust 4.4 per cent, comfortably above the industry average, and operating margins rose to 5.6 per cent from 5.2 per cent. Moreover, with dividend cover of more than eight times, investors can expect strong dividend growth in spite of the group's continued expansion plans.

The message Morrison also gave out loud and clear yesterday, confirming what Tesco said on Tuesday, is that this is an intensely competitive and difficult industry where price pressures show no signs of easing. That is a message that the stock market is not going to like and one which will continue to hold back the whole sector.



ED & F Man

ED & F Man was always going to be a tricky company to float. It uncomfortably straddles the food manufacturing industry and the financial markets, both of which are thoroughly out of favour with professional investors at present. No matter how much the 211-year company believes it now needs a float to further its development, the City would always have the lurking suspicion that the exercise was solely intended to provide its millionaire managers with a ready market for their shares. Besides, the company makes its living in the commodities markets, and those are wrongly perceived by many equity investors as the risky alternative to a holiday in Las Vegas.

Faced with such potential hostility in an unstable stock market, the company's advisers have been forced to price the shares dirt cheap. The 180p issue price is at least 20p cheaper than earlier indications suggested. There are not many companies with a 15 per cent earnings growth record that float on single digit earnings multiples.

The cash raised in the float will dilute earnings by 6 per cent. Even so, the shares carry a historic yield of 6 per cent and the company looks on course to make £75 million in the current year, cutting the p/e ratio to eight. ED & F Man has a strong track record of trading in a diverse range of basic foodstuffs. At this price, the shares should not be missed.

Laura Ashley

THE new management at Laura Ashley has very different priorities to the old team under Jim Maxmin. Whereas the old guard were eager to globalise the Laura Ashley brand the new regime is concerned with the more prosaic task of cutting costs.

This is no bad thing. Margins are miserably low. Last year, two and a half years after Mr Maxmin's arrival, the group could only make an operating margin of 0.8 per cent. That is a far cry from the double digit returns it enjoyed in the mid-1980s and a fraction of those achieved by its competitors. With four head offices scattered around the globe and duplicate jobs, it should not be difficult to extract savings. The board is also anxious to tackle stock levels of £75.1 million, an absurdly high figure for a business with £300 million annual sales.

Shareholders must wonder if recovery will ever come. They have already endured £20 million of exceptional charges since 1990 and are now being told that more are on the way. There is not even a chief executive in place to point the finger at.

The group is increasingly vulnerable to an outside predator and in this may lie shareholders' best hope.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Sep	958-934	Dec	1074-1069
Dec	996-985	Mar	1090-1085
Mar	1018-1017	May	1103-1098
May	1026-1027	Jul	1115-1105
Jul	1041-1040		
Sep	1054-1055	Volume	1654

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Sep	4200-4165	May	3870-3855
Nov	4050-4040	Jul	3830-3810
Jan	4005-3995	Sep	3840-3830
Mar	3920-3914	Volume	5281

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Aug	330.5-29.0
Spot unq		Oct	314.0-12.5
Dec	329.5-24.5	Dec	313.8-10.5
Mar	331.0-30.0	Mar	315.3-09.6
May	331.0-29.5	Volume	894

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on September 21

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	72.85	96.95	113.75
(+/-)	+1.14	+0.65	+0.09
Eng/Wales	73.55	97.40	112.58
(+/-)	+1.16	+1.28	-0.36
(No)	-10.0	+2.0	-6.0
Scotland	n/a	85.69	118.54
(+/-)	n/a	-0.71	-1.97
(No)	n/a	-11.0	+10.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	15.80	+0.05
Brent 15 day (Oct)	16.10	+0.15
Brent 15 day (Nov)	16.15	n/c
W Texas Intermediate (Nov)	17.30	n/c
W Texas Intermediate (Dec)	17.40	-0.05

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas 15	B 169 (+1)	O 172 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	150 (n/c)	151 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Oct	150 (+1)	151 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Nov	153 (n/c)	154 (n/c)
3.5 Fuel Oil	73 (n/c)	75 (n/c)
Naphtha	159 (+1)	160 (+1)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Oct	150.25-50.50	Jan	156.50-56.75
Nov	152.75-53.00	Feb	157.50-57.75
Dec	155.00-55.25	Vol:	14552

BRENT (6.00pm)

Nov	16.17-16.15	Feb	16.30-16.34
Dec	16.23-16.25	Mar	16.31-16.34
Jan	16.29-16.31	Vol.	30540

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Sep	106.50	Sep	102.25
Nov	106.95	Nov	103.75
Jan	109.25	Jan	105.90
Mar	111.30	Mar	108.25
May	113.10	May	109.90
Volume: 118		Volume: 0	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Nov	unq	150.0
Apr	219.0	216.8
May	unq	240.0
	Volume:	122

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)
Oct 78.25-78.75

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Sep 94	1625	1610	1621
Oct 94	1660	1635	1660
Nov 94	1660	1635	1661
Jan 95	1605	1600	1605

Vol: 319 lots Open interest: 2363
Index 1584 +16

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2520.0-2521.0	2538.5-2539.0	1792350
Lead ($/tonne)	609.00-609.50	624.00-624.50	97325
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1000.0-1000.5	1023.0-1023.5	483500
Tin ($/tonne)	5325.0-5330.0	5395.0-5400.0	22880
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1598.0-1599.0	1620.0-1621.0	1475775
Nickel ($/tonne)	6395.0-6400.0	6500.0-6505.0	89514

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Oct	Jan	Apr	Puts Oct	Jan	Apr
Alld Dom	540	36½	—	—	3	—	—
(*561)	560	6	—	—	27	—	—
Argyll	260	22	27½	35	3½	11	15
(*277)	280	9½	17	25	12	19	25
ASDA	60	5½	7	10	2	4	5½
(*63)	70	1	3	5½	9	10	11
Boots	500	29	38½	51	2½	15	23
(*520)	550	5	16	24½	34½	44	50
Br Airways	360	17	24	35	9	19	24
(*366)	390	4	15	25	25½	36	40½
BP	390	21	31½	39	1	14½	20
(*404½)	420	5	17	25	23	31	36
Br Steel	140	16½	23	27	1½	4½	6
(*157)	160	5	10½	15	8	12	14
C & W	390	22	36	45	9	21	27½
(*399)	420	8½	23	34	27	37½	43
CU	443	15	33½	36	12	21	32
(*449½)	543	4	15	18½	51½	54	66
ICI	900	42	66	79	11	27	40
(*927)	950	15½	36	52	35	52	66
Kingfshr	460	32	46	62	7	16	25½
(*482)	500	12	25	39	26	36	42½
Land Sec	600	18½	29	41	11	21	26
(*604)	650	3	11½	22	48	55	58
M & S	390	21	31½	35	5	12	16
(*404)	420	6	19	24	22	25½	31
Nat West	460	24	36	47	10½	19	30
(*471)	500	5	14	28	35	40½	54
Sainsbury	390	32	43	52	4½	14	19½
(*416)	420	13	25	36	16	27	32½
Shell	700	14	31	40½	19½	29½	40
(*702)	750	2	12	20	61½	65	73
Smkl Bch	420	20	32	41	10	21	27½
(*427½)	460	5	14½	23	36½	45½	51½
Storehse	200	10	16	20	5	9	14
(*204)	220	2	7	11	19	22	26
Trafalgar	90	10	12	14½	2	5	5½
(*95)	100	3	6½	9	6	8½	11
Unilever	1050	52½	77	98	7	21½	35
(*1096½)	1100	26	47	67	24	43½	59
Zeneca	800	40	63	75	9½	23	39
(*825)	850	14	36	49	35	48	64
Series		**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**
Grnd Met	390	24½	33	40	12	22	26
(*390)	420	11	18½	26	29	39	43½
Ladbroke	180	23	27	30	2½	5	5½
(*197)	200	9½	15½	19	9	13½	17
Utd Bisc	300	14	23	26	14	15	26½
(*303)	330	4	11	14½	37	38½	40½

Series		Calls Oct	Jan	Apr	Puts Oct	Jan	Apr
BAA	475	15	24½	34	12	20	24
(*475)	500	5	13½	22	29½	35	38½
Thames W	460	45½	51½	59	3	13	15½
(*499)	500	16	27½	35½	14	29	32½
Series		**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**
BAT Ind	390	37	49	55	7	12	21
(*416)	420	19½	31½	36	19	24½	35½
BTR	300	17½	27	32½	9½	14½	20½
(*305)	330	6	15	18½	29	32½	38½
Brit Aero	460	28	44	51	25½	34	44
(*462½)	500	13	27	34½	52	59	67½
Br Telcm	360	19½	24	32	8½	17	20
(*367)	390	6½	12	17½	27	36	38
Cadbury	420	44½	54	59½	3½	8	14½
(*455)	460	17	29½	34½	17½	22½	32
Guinness	420	35½	46½	52½	6	12	19½
(*447½)	460	13	23½	30	25	30½	38½
GEC	280	14½	19	25	5	13	16
(*283½)	300	6	10	16	20½	24½	27
Hanson	220	21	24	27	3	7	9
(*236)	240	8	12½	16½	11	16	19
LASMO	134	24½	—	—	3	—	—
(*153½)	154	11½	—	—	10	—	—
Lucas	180	16½	21	25½	6½	10	14
(*192)	200	7	12½	16½	18½	22	25½
Pilkington	180	16½	18½	24	5½	9	12
(*195½)	200	6	9½	14½	16	21	23½
Prudential	300	15	21½	28	12	16	23
(*306)	330	4	9½	14	33	35	42
Redland	500	22	36½	46	21½	28	42½
(*509½)	550	6	17	26	58½	65½	75½
Royal Ins	260	21½	30½	35	9½	14½	19½
(*269½)	280	11½	20½	25½	19½	24½	30½
Tesco	220	22	28½	33½	4	9½	12
(*239)	240	9½	16½	22	12½	17	21
Vodafone	180	18½	23	—	4½	8½	—
(*194½)	200	9½	14½	19½	13	17½	20
Williams	300	31½	38	44	3½	6½	11½
(*324)	325	13½	—	—	12	—	—

FT-SE INDEX (*3019)

	2900	2950	3000	3050	3100	3150
Calls						
Oct	143	107	75	48	29	16
Nov	168	132	103	76	55	38
Dec	189	154	125	98	76	56
Jan	213	181	151	121	99	77
Jun	275	—	218	—	170	—
Puts						
Oct	24	38	55	80	112	150
Nov	42	55	75	98	128	162
Dec	59	75	96	119	147	177
Jan	76	94	112	133	161	189
Jun	112	—	150	—	200	—

Series		Calls Sep	Dec	Mar	Puts Sep	Dec	Mar
Abby Nat	360	30½	41	49½	1	6	15
(*387½)	390	6	22	31	5	17½	29½
Amstrad	25	5½	6	7	1	1½	2
(*29½)	30	1	3	3	2	4	5
Barclays	550	11	32½	46½	9½	22	33
(*554)	600	1	12	24½	48	53½	64
Blue Circ	260	21	30	37½	1	6½	12½
(*278)	280	5	17½	26½	6	15½	21½
Br Gas	300	9½	17½	26	3	13	17½
(*307)	330	1	7	12	24½	33	36
Dixons	180	17½	26	29	1	6½	11
(*195)	200	2½	14½	18	7½	16	21
Forte	200	17½	23	27½	1½	6½	10½
(*215½)	220	2½	12	16½	10	17½	21½
Hillsdwn	160	21	23½	28	1	3	5½
(*179)	180	2½	10½	16	2	10½	12½
Lonrho	130	5½	13	16½	2	7½	11
(*133½)	140	1½	8	12	8½	13	16½
Sears	100	8	11½	13½	1	4	5½
(*106½)	110	1½	6	7½	5½	9	11
Thrn Eml	950	37	66½	79½	2½	21	36
(*979½)	1000	4½	37½	53	25½	45	61
Tomkins	200	18½	25	29½	1	5	8½
(*216)	220	3½	13	18	8	13½	17½
TSB	200	16½	23	27½	1	6	11
(*213)	220	2½	12	16½	8	15	21½
Wellcome	650	43	70	89	2	20	32½
(*688½)	700	7½	41	61	19	43	56
Series		**Oct**	**Jan**	**Apr**	**Oct**	**Jan**	**Apr**
Glaxo	550	37	57½	69½	11	23	34
(*573½)	600	12	32	44	36½	49	60½
HSBC	650	54	93½	99½	10½	36½	45
(*695½)	700	26½	55	72½	30	48½	70
Reuter	4625	18	—	—	16	—	—
(*463.5)	4750	11½	—	—	23½	—	—
Series		**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**
R-Royce	160	23½	26	31	2½	5½	8½
(*179½)	180	11	16	19½	9½	14	17½
Series		**Sep**	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Mar**
Fisons	110	11	14½	17½	1	5½	7
(*118½)	120	2½	8½	12½	4	10½	12½
Series		**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**
Eastn Elc	750	57	77	90½	21½	34	43½
(*778)	800	30	50½	64½	45	60½	68½
Series		**Sep**	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Mar**
Natl Pwr	460	10	27½	39	5½	22½	29
(*463)	500	1	11½	22	39	47	52
Scot Pwr	390	7	28½	36½	7	19½	24½
(*391½)	420	1	16½	24½	31	36½	41½

September 22, 1994 Tot: 31034 Call: 16234 Put: 14796 FT-SE Call: 6327 Put: 5393
*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Dec 94	3027.0	3042.0	3007.0	3031.0	10723
Previous open interest: 53110	Mar 95	3050.0	3062.0	3050.0	3055.5	256
Three Month Sterling	Dec 94	93.11	93.20	93.10	93.18	42894
Previous open interest: 485166	Mar 95	92.14	92.28	92.13	92.26	18038
	Jun 95	91.49	91.61	91.48	91.58	7314
Three Mth Eurodollar	Dec 94	94.07	94.08	94.07	94.07	52
Previous open interest: 3764	Mar 95	93.70	93.71	93.70	93.70	41
Three Mth Euro DM	Dec 94	94.67	94.71	94.66	94.70	33350
Previous open interest: 687839	Mar 95	94.23	94.29	94.23	94.28	24195
Long Gilt	Sep 94	99-04	99-08	99-04	99-22	45
Previous open interest: 113569	Dec 94	98-09	99-05	98-05	98-30	58763
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 94	108.45	108.50	108.44	108.45	783
	Mar 95	107.66	107.66	107.66	107.68	25
German Gov Bd Bund	Dec 94	88.19	88.79	88.06	88.65	121596
Previous open interest: 146671	Mar 95	87.40	87.62	87.40	87.95	57
German Gov Bd Bobl	Dec 94					
Previous open interest: 0						
Three month ECU	Dec 94	93.42	93.48	93.42	93.47	963
Previous open interest: 17310	Mar 95	92.83	92.88	92.83	92.86	192
Euro Swiss Franc	Dec 94	95.48	95.55	95.48	95.55	5262
Previous open interest: 40928	Mar 95	95.12	95.15	95.12	95.15	630
Italian Govmt Bond	Dec 94	98.46	98.64	97.82	98.36	40486
Previous open interest: 64606	Mar 95				97.76	0

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¾ Finance Hse 5½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 7½ Low 4¾ Week fixed: 5
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5$\frac{9}{16}$: 3 mth 5$\frac{11}{16}$. Sell: 2 mth 5$\frac{9}{16}$: 3 mth: 5$\frac{11}{16}$.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5¾-5⅝	5$\frac{13}{16}$-5$\frac{11}{16}$	5$\frac{15}{16}$-5$\frac{13}{16}$	6¼-6⅛	
Sterling Money Rates:	5¾-5⅝	5$\frac{13}{16}$-5$\frac{11}{16}$	5$\frac{15}{16}$-5$\frac{13}{16}$	6⅜-6¼	7⅛-7
Interbank:	5¾-5⅝	5$\frac{15}{16}$-5$\frac{13}{16}$	5$\frac{15}{16}$-5$\frac{13}{16}$	6⅜-6¼	7⅛-7

Overnight: open 4¾, close 8½.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	5⅝	n/a	5$\frac{13}{16}$	6¼	7⅛
Sterling CDs:	5$\frac{11}{16}$-5$\frac{9}{16}$	5¾-5⅝	5⅞-5¾	6$\frac{5}{16}$-6$\frac{3}{16}$	7$\frac{1}{16}$-7
Dollar CDs:	4.93	n/a	5.17	5.63	6.10
Building Society CDs:	5¾-5⅝	5$\frac{13}{16}$-5$\frac{11}{16}$	5$\frac{15}{16}$-5$\frac{13}{16}$	6$\frac{5}{16}$-6$\frac{3}{16}$	7$\frac{1}{16}$-7

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Aug 31, 1994 Agreed rates Sep 26, 1994 to Oct 25, 1994 Scheme III: 6.82% Reference rate July 30, 1994 to Aug 31, 1994 Scheme IV & V: 5.579%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	4$\frac{11}{16}$-4$\frac{9}{16}$	5-4⅞	5⅛-5	5$\frac{11}{16}$-5$\frac{9}{16}$	4⅛-3⅞
Deutschemark:	5-4⅞	5⅛-4⅞	5⅛-5	5$\frac{5}{16}$-5$\frac{3}{16}$	5-4
French Franc:	5¾-5⅝	5¾-5⅝	5⅞-5¾	5$\frac{15}{16}$-5$\frac{13}{16}$	5⅛-4⅞
Swiss Franc:	4-3¾	4-3$\frac{13}{16}$	4⅛-4	4⅛-4¼	4⅛-3⅞
Yen:	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2$\frac{5}{16}$-2$\frac{3}{16}$	2⅛-1⅞

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $393.60-394.00 Close: $393.80-394.30 High: $395.10-395.60
Low: $392.70-393.20 AM: $393.95 PM: $393.70

Krugerrand: $395.00-396.00 (£249.00-251.00)

Platinum: $418.25 (£265.30) **Silver:** $5.61 (£3.555) **Palladium:** $155.50 (£98.65)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Sept 22	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7313-2.7397	2.7313-2.7347	¼pr-par	⅞-½pr
Brussels	50.13-50.31	50.14-50.25	4-1pr	8-1pr
Copenhagen	9.5850-9.6120	9.5970-9.6120	¼-⅞ds	1⅞-2⅞ds
Dublin	1.0080-1.0115	1.0085-1.0111	3pr-par	par-4ds
Frankfurt	2.4375-2.4445	2.4375-2.4408	¼pr-par	½-⅜pr
Lisbon	247.93-249.20	248.53-249.17	87-93ds	251-270ds
Madrid	201.95-202.33	202.04-202.33	37-44ds	106-125ds
Milan	2461.30-2478.00	2474.00-2478.00	5-7ds	15-18ds
Montreal	2.1151-2.1208	2.1156-2.1166	0.10-0.00pr	0.19-0.08pr
New York	1.5760-1.5782	1.5760-1.5770	0.06-0.04pr	0.27-0.24pr
Oslo	10.6850-10.7080	10.6890-10.7050	½-1¼ds	2⅞-3⅞ds
Paris	8.3310-8.3580	8.3320-8.3460	par-¼ds	⅜-¼pr
Stockholm	11.7460-11.7990	11.7460-11.7710	1¼-2⅜ds	6⅛-7⅛ds
Tokyo	154.44-154.94	154.44-154.71	½-⅜pr	1½-1¼pr
Vienna	17.16-17.22	17.17-17.21	⅞-½pr	4⅞-3⅞pr
Zurich	2.0235-2.0335	2.0235-2.0265	¼-⅛pr	1-⅞pr

Source: Extel
Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3603-1.3612
Austria	10.90-10.91
Belgium (Com)	31.86-31.87
Canada	1.3434-1.3439
Denmark	6.0913-6.0933
France	5.2942-5.2972
Germany	1.5490-1.5495
Hong Kong	7.7275-7.7285
Ireland	1.5562-1.5577
Italy	1564.0-1565.0
Japan	98.00-98.10
Malaysia	2.5562-2.5572
Netherlands	1.7359-1.7369
Norway	6.7870-6.7890
Portugal	157.87-157.97
Singapore	1.4763-1.4768
Spain	128.05-128.25
Sweden	7.4505-7.4580
Switzerland	1.3867-1.3874

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5745-1.5771
Australia dollar	2.1434-2.1456
Bahrain dinar	0.588-0.600
Brazil real*	1.3491-1.3532
Cyprus pound	0.735-0.745
Finland markka	7.7045-7.8305
Greece drachma	367.75-374.75
Hong Kong dollar	12.1824-12.1894
India rupee	48.95-49.91
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4635-0.4735
Malaysia ringgit	4.0298-4.0332
Mexico peso	5.27-5.37
New Zealand dollar	2.6279-2.6313
Pakistan rupee	47.13 buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.847-5.937
Singapore dollar	2.3274-2.3292
S Africa rand (fin)	6.9782-7.0247
S Africa rand (com)	5.5657-5.5740
U A E dirham	5.723-5.847

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	1,300	Legal & Gn	935
ASDA Gp	8,700	Lloyds Bk	4,300
Abbey Natl	2,000	MEPC	1,300
Alld Domecq	1,800	Marks Spr	2,000
Argyll Gp	5,100	NatWst Bk	2,500
Arjo Wiggn	2,200	Nat Power	1,300
AB Foods	281	Nth Wst W	960
BAA	1,800	P & O	1,400
BAT Inds	1,900	Pearson	965
BOC	846	PowerGen	344
BP	9,100	Prudential	3,300
BTR	4,600	RMC	243
BT	5,200	RTZ	570
Bk of Scot	3,600	Rank Org	1,600
Barclays	6,500	Reckitt Col	380
Bass	1,400	Redland	1,600
Blue Circle	4,300	Reed Intl	1,500
Boots	997	Rentokil	1,500
Bowater	1,400	Reuters	4,700
Brit Aero	3,100	Rolls Royce	2,400
Brit Airwys	3,100	Ryl Ins	2,600
Brit Gas	7,900	Ryl Bk Scot	1,100
Brit Steel	8,000	Sainsbury	4,400
Burmah Cast	143	Schroders	6
Cable Wire	3,600	Scot & New	1,200
Cadbury	751	Scot Power	2,000
Caradon	1,400	Sears	7,000
Carlton Cms	1,100	Svrn Trent	517
Cm Union	1,200	Shell Trans	2,000
Courtaulds	512	Siebe	942
De La Rue	649	SmKl Bch	2,800
Eastern Elec	1,100	Smith Nph	2,000
Enterpr Oil	400	Southern Elec	842
Forte	1,100	Std Chartd	2,000
GKN	1,600	Sun Allnce	1,000
GRE	1,900	TI Gp	1,200
GUS	1,600	TSB	2,500
Gen Acc	1,000	Tesco	7,900
Gen Elec	2,300	Thames W	940
Glaxo	5,800	Thrn EMI	624
Granada	1,000	Tomkins	2,000
Grand Met	2,600	Unilever	749
Guinness	7,700	Utd Bisc	1,400
HSBC	2,100	Vodafone	14,000
Hanson	3,200	Warburg (SG)	374
ICI	1,400	Wellcome	1,000
Inchcape	1,800	Whitbread	1,300
Kingfisher	1,300	Wllms Hld	1,400
Ladbroke	864	Wolseley	637
Land Secs	1,500	Zeneca	1,500

WALL STREET

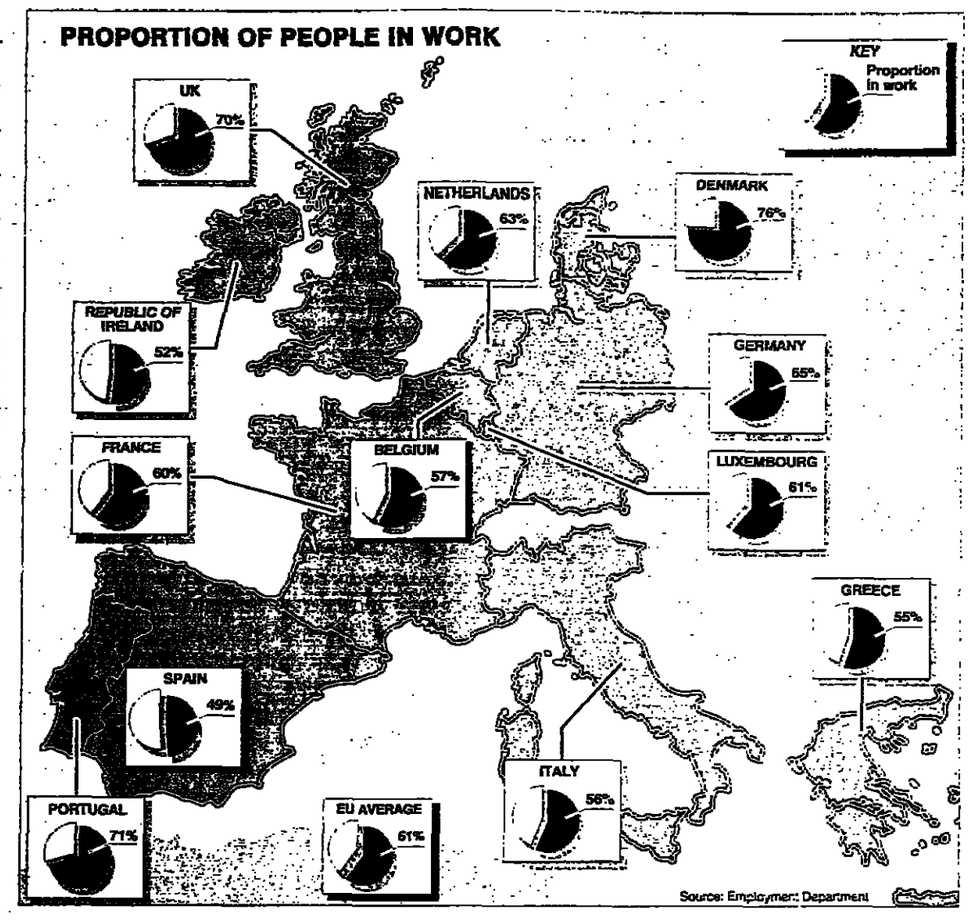
	Sep 22 midday	Sep 21 close
AMP Inc	73¾	73¾
AMR Corp	54¼	53
AT & T	54½	54¾
Abbott Labs	31¼	30¾
Aetna Life	45	45¾
Ahmanson (HF)	21¼	21¼
Air Prod & Chem	46½	47
Albertson's	28¾	27¾
Alcan Aluminium	26¼	26¾
Alco Standard	62¾	61¼
Allied Signal	34½	34¼
Alum Co of Am	85¾	85
Amax Gold Inc	7	7¼
Amerada Hess	46¼	46¼
Amer Brands	34¾	34¼
Amer Cyanamid	98¾	98¾
Amer El Power	30¾	30¾
Amer Express	30¾	30¾
Amer Genl Corp	27¾	27¾
Amer Home Pr	57¾	57¾
Amer Intl	90¾	90¾
Amer Stores	24½	24½
Ameritech	41¼	40¾
Amoco	57¾	58¾
Anheuser-Busch	53¾	53¾
Apple Computer	33¾	34¾
Archer Daniels	25¾	24¾
Armco	6¼	6
Armstrng Wrld	45¾	44¾
Asarco	32¼	32¼
Ashland Oil	35¼	35¼
Atl Richfield	101¼	101
Auto Data Pro	55¾	54¼
Avery Dennison	34½	34½
Avon Products	59¾	59¾
Baker Hughes	18¾	18½
Baltim Gas & El	21¼	21¼
Banc One	31½	31½
BankAmerica	46¼	46½
Bank of NY	30¾	31¼
Bankers Tr NY	66¾	67¾
Barnett Banks	45½	45¾
Bausch & Lomb	38¼	38½
Baxter Intl	27¾	27¼
Bectn Dicksn	45¾	45¾
Bell Atlantic	53¼	53½
BellSouth	56¼	55¾
Black & Decker	22¾	22
Block (H&R)	45¼	45¼
Boeing	43½	44
Boise Cascade	29¾	29¾
Borden Inc	14¾	14
Bristol Myrs Sq	57¼	56¾
Browning Ferris	29¾	29¾
Brunswick	21½	20¾
Burlington Nthn	50¼	49¾
CBS	340¾	343
CNA Financial	61½	61½
CPC Intl	50	49¾
CSX	68	67½
Campbell Soup	38¾	38¾
Can Pacific	17¾	17¾
Cpd Cities ABC	81¼	81½
Carolina Pwr	25½	25¾
Caterpillar	54¾	54¾
Central & SW	22	21¼
Champion Intl	37¾	37¾
Chase Manhat	35¾	35¾
Chemical Bk	36¾	36¾
Chevron Corp	40¾	40½
Chrysler	45¾	45½
Chubb Corp	69¾	70½
Cigna Corp	59¾	60¾
Citicorp	43¾	43¾
Clorox	51½	50¾
Coastal Corp	28¾	28¾
Coca Cola	48¾	48¾
Colgate-Palmolive	56½	56½
Columbia Gas	27	27¼
Compaq Comp	36	36
Comp Ass Int	44¼	45
Conagra	31¼	31
Cons Edison	23¾	23¾
Cons Nat Gas	39	39¾
Cons Rail	50	50¾
Cooper Inds	41½	41½
Corning Inc	31	31½
Crown Cork	38¼	38¾
Dana Corp	27½	28¼
Dayton Hudson	74¾	73¾
Deere	68¾	69¾
Delta Air Lines	45¾	44¾
Deluxe Corp	30	29¾
Detroit Edison	25	24¼
Digital Equip	28¾	28¾
Dillard Dept St	27	26¾
Disney (Walt)	40½	40¾
Dominion Res	36	35¾
Donelley (RR)	30	30
Dover Corp	57¾	58¾
Dow Chemical	74¾	74¼
Dow Jones	30½	30¾
Dresser	19¾	19¾
Duke Power	37¾	36½
Dun & Brdstreet	58¾	58¾
Du Pont	57¾	57¾
Eastman Kodak	51½	51¾
Eaton Corp	47¾	47¼
Emerson Elec	59	58¾
Engelhard Corp	26¾	26½

	Sep 22 midday	Sep 21 close
Enron Corp	29¾	29¾
Entergy	23¾	22½
Ethyl Corp	10¾	10½
Exxon	58¼	58¼
FMC Corp	57¾	57½
FPL Group	31½	31½
Federal Express	61½	60¾
Fed Nat Mtge	81½	80¾
First Chicago	47¾	47¾
First Interstate	81¼	82
First Union Rlty	6¾	6¾
Fleet Fnl Grp	37¾	38¾
Fluor Corp	49¾	49½
Ford Motor	27¾	27¾
GTE Corp	30¾	30½
Gannett	48¼	48¾
Gap Inc Del	33¾	33¾
Gen Dynamics	44	43¾
Gen Electric	49¾	49¾
Gen Mills	54¾	54¾
Gen Motors	48¼	48¾
Gen Reinsurance	105¾	106¼
Gen Signal	35¾	35½
Genuine Parts	35	34¾
Georgia Pac	72¾	71½
Gillette	69¾	69¾
Glaxo ADR	18¼	18½
Goodrich (BF)	42¾	42¼
Goodyear Tire	33¾	33¾
Grace (WR)	42	42
Grt Atl Pac Tea	23¾	23¾
Great Wstn Fin	19½	19¾
Halliburton	30	30¾
Harcourt General	34½	34¼
Heinz (HJ)	36¾	36¾
Hercules	105¾	106
Hershey Foods	44½	44¼
Hewlett Packard	88¾	88¼
Hilton Hotels	63	63¼
Home Depot	42¼	42¾
Homestake Mng	20¾	20¾
Honeywell	36	35¾
Household Intl	36¼	36½
Houston Inds	34¾	34¾
Humana	22¾	22¾
ITT Corp	80¾	80¾
Illinois Tool	41¼	41½
Illinova	18¾	18¾
INCO	30¾	30¾
Ingersoll Rand	35¾	35¼
Inland Steel	39¾	39½
Intel Corp	65	65¾
IBM	70	69½
Intl Flav & Fr	41½	41¼
Intl Paper	78¾	77¼
James River Va	23¾	24½
Johnson & Jhnsn	48¾	49¾
Kellogg	53¾	53¾
Kerr-McGee	46¾	46¾
Kimberly-Clark	59¼	58¾
Kmart	17½	17¾
Knight-Ridder	51½	51½
Lilly (Eli)	57¾	57¾
Limited Inc	19¾	19¾
LIN Brdcstng	139	138¾
Lincoln Nat	36	35¾
Litton	38¾	38¾
Liz Claiborne	23	23¼
Lockheed	71½	71½
Louisiana Pac	33¾	33¾
MCI Comm	23¾	23¾
Marriott Inr	28¼	27¾
Marsh & McLnn	77¼	76¾
Masco Corp	24¼	24¾
May Dept St	39¾	39¾
Maytag Corp	16¾	16¾
McDonalds	26½	26¾
McDonnell D	113¾	114
McGraw Hill	73¾	73
Mead Corp	50	49¾
Medtronic	100	97¾
Mellon Bk	57¼	57
Melville Corp	35¾	35¾
Merck Inc	34¾	34¾
Merrill Lynch	37¾	38
Minnesota Mine	56½	56¾
Mobil Corp	77¾	77¾
Monsanto	81¾	81½
Morgan (JP)	60¾	61¼
Motorola Inc	52¾	52¾
Natl Medical	17¾	17¼
Natl Semi	15¾	15¾
Natl Service Ind	26¾	26¾
Navistar Int	15¼	15¾
NBD Bancorp	29¾	29¾
NY Times A	23½	23¼
Newmont Mng	45¾	45¾
Niag Mohawk	12¾	12½
Nike B	60½	60½
NL Industries	11½	11½
Noram Energy	6½	6½
Nordstrom	38¾	39¾
Norfolk Sthn	60½	59¾
Nthn State Pwr	41¼	41½
Norwest Corp	25¾	25½
Nynex Corp	37¾	36¾
Occidental Pet	20¾	20¾
Ohio Edison	18¼	18¼
Oracle Systems	43¾	43¾
Oryx Energy Co	14	14

	Sep 22 midday	Sep 21 close
Owens Corning	34¼	33½
PNC Financial	26¾	27
PPG Industries	39¾	39¾
Paccar Inc	47½	47½
Pacificorp	16¼	16¼
Pac Enterprises	21¼	21
Pac Gas & Elect	22¾	22¾
Pac Telesis	31½	31¼
Pall Corp	16¼	16¼
Panhandle East	23	22¾
Parker Hannifin	40¾	40¾
Peco Energy	24¾	24¾
Penney (JC)	51½	51½
Pennzoil	47¼	47½
Pepsico	33½	32½
Pfizer	65½	65
Phelps Dodge	62¾	61¼
Philip Morris	59¾	59¾
Phillips Pet	33¾	33½
Pitney Bowes	35¾	35¾
Polaroid	34¾	34¾
PriceCostco	15¼	15¼
Procter & Gmbl	59¾	59¾
Pub Serv E & G	24¾	24¾
Quaker Oats	76½	75¾
Ralston Purina	41	40¾
Raychem Corp	38¾	38¾
Raytheon	65	65¾
Reebok Intl	36¼	36¾
Reynolds Metals	57	56¾
Roadway Srvcs	59¾	59
Rockwell Intl	35¾	35¾
Rohm & Haas	59¾	56½
Royal Dutch	108¾	108½
Rubbermaid	27	27
Safeco Corp	49¾	49¾
St Paul's Cos	40¾	40¾
Salomon Inc	41½	40¾
Santa Fe Pac	21½	17
Sara Lee Corp	22½	22¾
Scecorp	12¾	12¾
Schering Plough	68¾	67¾
Schlumberger	53¾	53¾
Scott Paper	60¾	61¼
Seagram	31½	34
Sears Roebuck	48¾	48½
Shell Trans	66¾	66¾
Sherwin Wllms	31½	31¼
Skyline Corp	20¾	20¾
Snap-On-Tools	34½	34½
Southern Co	17¾	17½
Stnwestern Bell	41½	40¾
Sprint Corp	37¾	38
Stanley Works	39¾	39¾
Sun Company	28¾	28
Sun Microsys	28¾	28¾
Suntrust	49¾	49¾
Supervalu	27¾	27¾
Syntex Corp	23¾	23¾
Sysco Corp	25¾	25¾
TRW Inc	72½	72¼
TCC Inds	3¾	3
Tandem Comp	15¾	14¾
Tandy Corp	42¾	42
Teledyne	16½	16½
Temple Inland	52¾	53¾
Tenneco	44	44
Texaco	59½	59
Texas Inst	74¾	74¼
Texas Utilities	30¾	30¾
Textron	52¼	52¾
Time Warner	37	37½
Times-Mirror	31¼	31¼
Timken	37	37
Torchmark	42¾	42
Toys R Us	36	36
Transamerica	50¾	49¼
Travelers	33	32½
Tribune	55½	55½
Tyco Labs	47	46¾
UST Inc	30¾	30¾
UAL	91½	91
USX Marathon	18	17¾
Unicom	22	22
Unilever NV	111½	112
Union Camp	49¾	49¾
Union Carbide	32¾	32¾
Union Pacific	54½	54½
Unisys Corp	11	10½
USAIR Group	5¾	5¾
USF&G Corp	13½	13¾
US Life	37¾	37¾
US West	38¾	38¾
United Tech	62¾	62½
Unocal Corp	27½	27¼
Upjohn	35¾	35¾
VF Corp	49¾	49¾
WMX Tech	25½	25¾
Wal-Mart Stores	24	23¾
Warner-Lambert	81	79¾
Wells Fargo	151½	149¾
Westinghouse El	13¾	13¾
Weyerhaeuser	44¾	43¾
Whirlpool	50¾	51
Whitman	16½	16½
Winn Dixie	50¾	50¾
Woolworth	17¾	17¾
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	40¾	40¾
Xerox	103¾	102
Yellow Corp	19	18¾

UK companies drawn into web of EU social law

Philip Bassett looks at the implications for British business of the renewed push on European social legislation



When Michael Portillo yesterday opposed the latest moves by Brussels on workers rights, he maintained the Government's ideological opposition to new European social legislation. But in practice, British business is increasingly having to cope with its growing effects.

As he headed for a meeting in Brussels of the EU's social affairs council, the Employment Secretary made clear that the Government opposed further social legislation because it was "destructive of jobs" and damaged Europe's competitiveness.

His view is consistent with the Government's labour market policies, which are based on greater workforce flexibility and increasing deregulation. Speaking in South Africa yesterday, John Major, the Prime Minister, said the policies had led to Britain having the highest number of people in work among the main European countries. But they have also repeatedly brought Britain into conflict with Europe, where the dominant labour market view is a regulatory approach of setting minimum employment standards.

That ideological clash is currently uneasily resolved by Britain's opt-out from the social chapter of the Maastricht treaty, exercised by Mr Portillo yesterday, under which the UK draws itself aside while the other 11 EU member states bring forward new social and employment law. Ministers believe such an approach enhances UK competitiveness by protecting British business from what they claim are the high costs of such moves. Business, though, increasingly has to deal with the insinuation into their operations of the effects of such moves by Brussels.

The agenda for yesterday's meeting was a fair reflection of the renewed push on social legislation being mounted by Germany, current holder of the EU presidency. It included:

☐ Works councils. With Britain opted out, the council approved finally a directive requiring large firms to consult employees through the mechanism of European Works Councils (EWCs).

☐ Parental leave. The draft European Commission directive would provide for both parents to be entitled to three months' leave after the birth or adoption of a child, with the right to return to work on the same pay.

☐ Part-time rights. A draft directive on "non-standard employment" proposes that part-timers working more than eight hours a week, and temporary staff where applicable, should be guaranteed, pro rata, the same basic pay, employment rights and holiday entitlements as full-timers.

Other measures included a draft directive on the burden of proof in sex discrimination cases, under which employers would be assumed to be guilty until they could prove the contrary, and the "posted workers" draft directive that sets minimum conditions for people working temporarily in another EU member state.

While all but Britain are in favour of EWCs, there is substantial opposition from many EU member states to the parental leave directive, for example, and many foresee great technical difficulties with adopting the posted workers and burden of proof directives. But while the politicians manoeuvre in Europe, businesses in Britain increasingly feel that in spite of the opt-out, they more and more have to deal pragmatically with the changes new law in Europe is one way or another promoting.

Take paternity leave. Unions yesterday declared that in spite of Mr Portillo's opposition, they would increasingly place such benefits on their bargaining agendas. Anne Gibson, equal opportunities officer of the MSF union, said: "If Michael Portillo won't stand up for British dads, we will." Padraig Flynn, EU Social Affairs Commissioner, said yesterday the parental leave directive was "trying to combine work and family life in a family-friendly way". While Joanna Foster, UK chairwoman of the UN's International Year of the Family, said paternity leave was an essential building block for family-friendly employment policies, which are supported in the UK by the CBI as well as the TUC. Many employers in Britain already provide paternity leave. A survey by Industrial Relations Services found that two-thirds of a large sample of companies already had such arrangements, with most providing an average of five days' leave overall. Tesco, for example, offers three days' leave, and regards it as an "integral part" of its employment package. The Bank of England gives five days' leave for a first child, and eight days for a second, or one born at home rather than in hospital. Argos brought in three days' paternity leave in 1988 "to maintain competitive terms and conditions" — precisely the opposite of the competitiveness argument deployed by Mr Portillo. Few employers surveyed offer the length of leave proposed by Brussels, even on an unpaid basis.

> "Many officials are determined that the United Kingdom will be included"

Some companies just say no, although most who do claim they provide above-average holiday entitlements. Some, such as 3M and Sun Alliance, oppose it on Portillo-style grounds of cost, but significantly, the survey concludes that the cost to employers of paternity leave is negligible, at an average of the equivalent of 23 minutes per person per year.

On employee involvement, business practice is again ahead of the Government. John Edmonds, general secretary of the GMB, told an Acas conference yesterday: "By Christmas, the trickle of agreements in the UK between unions and multinationals to set up EWCs will become a flood. In five years' time, Euro-style consultation with workers will be commonplace in British industry." Firms in the UK with EWCs in place include United Biscuits and Eurotunnel, while the GMB expects ICI and Levi-Strauss to follow suit soon. In spite of the Government's opt-out, large UK multinational companies with more than 150 employees in two EU member states will have to introduce EWCs. The TUC has identified 102 companies operating in the UK, employing more than 3 million workers, that will be affected, including Allied Lyons, Fisons, BP, ICI, Glaxo, BAe, Courtaulds, and Marks and Spencer.

Cherry Mills, at the Institute of Personnel and Development, says that in advance of the EWC directive becoming law in 1996 and starting to affect the UK companies involved, many firms are beginning to set up their own arrangements. That is partly because, if they do before 1996, they will be exempt from the directive's highly prescriptive provisions. Government-backed research evidence suggests about 90 per cent do consult employees, while recent Employment Department findings show that health and safety and working practices are the issues on which employers consult most extensively.

What employers in the UK question is the prescriptive form of the EWC stipulated by Brussels. Bodies such as the CBI oppose EWCs, although a separate IRS survey found that most individual companies saw the likely effect if they had to set them up as broadly neutral in terms of productivity, costs, employee relations and the right to manage. Half of those surveyed thoughtthe EWC proposals would have no effect on their organisations, while about a third, including Thames Water Utilities, thought they would be good for their organisations.

Rhône-Poulenc, the French multinational, operates what it calls a "European Dialogue", which covers its four main UK businesses. Its chemicals plant at Avonmouth has an all-elected management-employee works council, while its Dagenham healthcare site has a union-management staff council.

John Childs, TGWU convenor at Dagenham, says that the dialogue is fruitful for the unions. Allan Morgan, RP Chemicals personnel director, says the meetings are valuable. Such testimonials, and the extent to which paternity leave is already in place in the UK, will not much affect the Government's drive against what it sees as job-destroying social legislation in Europe. As his predecessors have done, Mr Portillo will still be entering the lists in staged fights in Brussels to stave off new employment law.

But he may be tilting at windmills. Many Commission officials are determined that, one way or another, the UK will be included in cross-European social provision. That, for instance, is what lies behind Mr Flynn's declared intent to raise the social chapter opt-out at the next EU Inter-Governmental Conference in 1996. In the meantime, employers and employes in Britain are having to get on with things: and in spite of the political row, those things are increasingly running with, rather than against, the European grain.

High standards keep NEC in Lowlands

An impressive work ethic among staff in Scotland has helped to keep Japanese investors faithful, writes **Ross Tieman**

In the past 22 years, £2.5 billion of taxpayers' money has been handed out to promote industrial investment in Scotland. Electronics companies from around the globe have turned the Central Lowlands into a high-tech manufacturing complex of international repute. Yet when NEC, the Japanese chip manufacturer, decided to spend £500 million to build a semi-conductor plant in Scotland, subsidies were the least of its concerns. A single factor dominated the decision: the extraordinary productivity achieved by workers at NEC's existing plant in Livingston, Lothian.

Robert Crawford, the director of Locate, the state-funded inward investment agency in Scotland, first became aware that NEC was contemplating building a plant about a year ago during a visit to Japan with Alan Stewart, the Scottish Office minister.

Mr Crawford asked his four staff in Tokyo to investigate. Returning home, he and one of his officers, Brian Cole, set about developing a strategy to ensure the investment came into their backyard. Their first contact was Seichi Shimakura, then manager of NEC's existing Scottish operations. In the battle for an investment that could create 430 jobs and keep Scotland at the forefront of world electronics manufacture, Mr Shimakura was to become a worthy ally.

> "Training and productivity record swung the deal"

NEC was wooed to Scotland 12 years ago, after the Scottish Development Agency targeted footloose and fast-growing computer firms as inward investors. Today, Silicon Glen, a 60-mile corridor 20-miles wide, from Greenock to Haddington, employs 45,000 workers. Mr Crawford and Mr Cole had to satisfy NEC that Scotland could provide the *sine qua non* of success: the site, the components and the qualified staff they would need to recruit. In its battle with Intel of America to become the world's biggest chip manufacturer, NEC has divided the world into three regions: Asia, America and Europe. NEC believes global demand for chips will rise by 50 per cent over the next five years. It needs more capacity. But in which region should it be built, and where?

Mr Shimakura's answer took his bosses in Japan aback. An electronic information system collects output data from all of NEC's plants around the world each day, and compares their performance. Eighteen months ago, Livingston caught up with its Japanese and American rivals. Then, it began to forge ahead.

Recalled to Japan and appointed head of NEC's semi-conductor operations worldwide, Mr Shimakura pressed the company's directors to back his belief in Scottish workers. In spite of strong lobbying from NEC managers in America, the board approved Mr Shimakura's choice last week.

Toshio Ohta, general manager at Livingston, put the investment victory down to the 920 existing Scottish employees and British-Japanese management. He said: "Last year and this year, we became the highest productivity company within NEC. If the Livingston plant performance had not been so good, the investment would automatically have gone to America or Japan." With £530 million of investment hinging on the skills of just 430 workers, the training and productivity record swung the deal for Scotland. Mr Ohta said: "If we had moved this kind of operation into another place, we would have had to start this training from the beginning. It takes five or ten years to reach this level. That would have been a big risk for us."

Government commitment to treat inward investors as British companies, an attractive rate of corporate taxation, and the existence of European Union tariffs on imported chips may have played a modest part. NEC will also receive a few million pounds of government grant. But that is of minor importance. What brought NEC to Scotland was the hard work of its people, and a focused, pump-priming investment by the taxpayer, over two decades, to create an infrastructure of high-tech firms that help one another to prosper.

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Venturer of the year with teeth

SMILE at your dentist today. He might know, or he might even be Stephen Noar, chairman and managing director of Denplan, who was yesterday honoured as Britain's Venturer of the Year. The Cartier-*Financial Times*-British Venture Capital Association sponsored awards acknowledges far-sighted entrepreneurs and their backers. Noar, 47, co-founded Denplan in 1986 with venture capital funds from Colin Amies, of Advent, and Michael Boxford, of Foreign & Colonial Ventures. He originally hired the Guildhall, Winchester, expecting to speak into the mouths of 500. Noar says: "Only 29 fellow dentists turned up, and later said they only joined Denplan because they felt sorry for me." In November 1993, Denplan was acquired by PPP for £24 million. Today, it caters for 600,000 customers and 5,000 dentists. Other category awards went to JBA Holdings, Litho Supplies, Azlan Group — all quoted — the "baby transport" Maclaren Group (part of Sunleigh), COE of Leeds, and Ethical Holdings.

Irwin's bleats

MEANWHILE, the 1994 Venturer award winners have all had better luck than dairy farmer Irwin Ramsay from Yarram, Victoria. Ramsay has been protesting outside the Melbourne stock exchange against bank lending policies, alleging that his bank took so long to approve his loan for irrigation equipment during 1988 that 70 of his cows died of starvation. Ramsay also alleges the bank advised his wife she would be better off financially if she left him.



Wall-to-wall cover

Wall game

CLAUDE Bébéar, chairman of Axa, the globally ambitious French insurance group that owns Equity and Law, is highly ungallic in his management style — he deliberately seeks to involve non-French executives throughout his empire. This year's Axa gathering for 150 executives was held on the Great Wall of China — and for bracing measure Axa picked a remote north-eastern section. Bébéar says the location was intended to foster awareness of China, the insurance market of the 21st century.

Fine mess

EXECUTIVES at Wedgwood, the fine china manufacturer, feel like throwing stamps, though not its precious china, at the wall. Wedgwood was commissioned by the Royal Mail to produce a limited edition of collector plates featuring famous mail trains. For its part, Royal Mail decided to frank millions of letters with the promotional message. What a hoot. Almost 20 million letters from 56 main letter offices have been incorrectly franked with a middle "e" in Wedgwood. How about an apology that reads: "The Wedgwood letter now leaving platform ten is correctly spelt and does not have an extra 'e'."

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BUSINESS LETTERS

Rover revival begs more analysis

From Roger Lyons

Sir, It is a reflection of a peculiar form of fatalism that your correspondents would still appear to be surprised by the revival of the fortunes of Rover. This has followed many years of hard work and sacrifice on the part of the workforce.

However, the revival begs comment on a number of issues. Firstly, those who seek to question the contribution of trade unions in the modern world should understand the crucial role of the groundbreaking "New Deal" agreement reached between Rover and trade unions, including MSF, in turning round the fortunes of the company. Secondly, what a kind of industrial policy is it that fails to keep within the UK economy such an obvious national asset?

And finally, what does the sale of Rover for a mere £800 million say abut the wisdom of the former owners, British Aerospace, in surely the worst corporate decision of the last decade?

We deserve a little more analysis in future pieces on Rover, and a look behind the puff of corporate press releases.

Yours faithfully,
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Capital idea

From Professor Samuel Eilon

Sir, The Chancellor should consider for his next Budget the abolition of the current rules regarding capital allowances for depreciation of plant and machinery tax purposes. The current system is outdated and unnecessarily cumbersome.

It is time to allow companies to decide for themselves at what rate to depreciate most plant and machinery, so that whatever is written off in any one year would be allowed against tax in that year. Needless to say, an ajustment should continue to be made to account for any terminal value, if it differs from the written down value.

Such a regime should eliminate the need for duplicate records (one for tax returns and another for the loss and profit account) and would simplify internal accounting procedures. More importantly, it would be a clear incentive for companies to accelerate replacement schedules and to invest in modernizing their facilities. The resultant contribution to improving industrial competitiveness would become self-evident.

Yours faithfully,
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Fast service

From Mr G. W. Williams

Sir, I can assure Mr A Windrum (15th September) that not all insurance companies take so much trouble to delay payment.

I was involved in an accident on Easter Sunday, 3rd April, 1994. My insurers, Commercial Union Assurance Company Plc, settled my claim for £4,910 in some 6 weeks on the 17th May 1994.

Yours faithfully,
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Buy the beloved country? **Jon Ashworth** reports

Business joins South Africa's big leap

PITY the poor Briton looking to invest in the land of beaches, sunshine, gold mines and townships. In the period of nearly five years since Nelson Mandela triumphantly walked out of prison, the siren call from the south has risen from whisper to deafening shriek. South Africa is once more open for business. The message is: "We need your money. Get in now or miss the boat".

Since the April elections, a new cry has been added: "Help us to rebuild". President Mandela has urged Britain to lead the way. High-profile visitors, notably Michael Heseltine and, now, John Major, have joined the chorus. So what is one to make of Baroness Thatcher?

In remarks that she insists were taken out of context, Lady Thatcher appeared to suggest that fears of violence might deter investors. Mr Major was dismissive, hailing the "atmosphere of optimism and hope" that he had encountered.

Both have a point. Many companies take the view that it would be better to wait a year or so to see how the new regime settles down. A wave of industrial action in supermarkets and mines seems to bear them out. Car-jackings and armed robbery are as great a problem as ever. Policemen are being gunned down.



Jumping on the bandwagon: the springbok is helping South Africa to cash in on tourism

On the other hand, as many investors again have responded to the call. Crime and violence are problems in South-East Asia, but that has not stopped British companies from pitching for giant infrastructural projects, such as dams and power supplies. South Africa has similar needs — with roads to build and pipelines to lay — and British contractors are clamouring for a slice. A vast consumer market waits to be served. South Africa's tourism industry is ready to cash in on a taste for "eco-holidays" combining days on the beach with bushveld game drives.

The City's finance houses have led the way. The Prudential Corporation, Britain's biggest insurer, has opened an investment office in Cape Town. Robert Fleming, Smith New Court, SG Warburg and James Capel have forged alliances with local stockbrokers. Armchair investors have been urged to subscribe to South African investment funds.

Investment is coming, but not necessarily from Britain. Far Eastern companies are flocking to sign joint ventures. International groups are moving in. Kodak and Polaroid are back, Hyatt and Sheraton are sizing up opportunities, Seagrams has returned.

Tony van der Schyf, a consultant, sees opportunities in healthcare, high-tech engineering and branded goods. He talks of three types of investors. The first are companies such as Caltex, which did not divest and are starting to put money back in. The second are those that pulled out during sanctions — such as IBM, Kodak, Polaroid and General Motors — and now want to return via joint ventures. The third are newcomers, such as Sara Lee and McDonald's. B&Q is investigating a market for British-style DIY centres. Cable and Wireless and Vodafone have created cellular networks.

Mr Mandela would welcome new factories and the thousands of jobs that they would bring, but there seems little scope. The Japanese and others prefer countries such as Vietnam, where wage costs are lower. The potential, for Britons, lies in construction-related projects and in selling South Africans branded merchandise, be it mobile phones or tinned food.

So Mr Major and Lady Thatcher are both half right. Fear of instability is leading some British companies to hang fire, but the opportunities are there for those willing to take the plunge. There is money to be made, whatever lies ahead.

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Europe	215.00	230.30	- 0.10	0.60
German Growth	69.61	73.97	+ 0.21	0.10
Japan Gth	59.81	63.15	- 0.15	5.90
Global Growth	123.40	131.90	- 0.90	..
Japan Growth	214.00	229.60	- 0.90	..
Japan Sunrise	184.10	210.20	- 0.40	..
Latin Amer	84.01	89.34	- 0.61	..
Pacific Inc	128.40	137.30P	- 0.50	1.50
UK Growth	84.87	90.26	- 0.25	1.40
UK Smaller Cos	89.05	95.23	- 0.37	1.59
Select Managers	72.65	77.81	- 0.37	1.10

BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD
20-24 Old Street, London EC1V 9HL
071 250 3980

Intl Gath Port Inc	78.17	83.16	....	..
Special Oppor Inc	57.46	61.17	....	....

BROWN DOLPHIN UT MGRS LTD
5 Giltspur St, London EC1A 9DE 071 236 6441

Special Sits	172.50	184.30	+ 2.40	1.42
Dividend	42.18	37.80	+ 0.34	3.79
Int Gth & Inc	205.50	220.10	- 0.20	2.60
Uk & Gen	41.75	44.69P	- 0.13	1.52
Fund of Funds	95.03	99.59P	- 0.23	....

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European Inc	70.16	80.83P	- 0.02	0.65
Smaller Cos (4-11)	80.74	85.90P	- 0.35	1.72
Growth	399.30	425.10P	- 0.70	2.28
Income & Growth	386.60	411.30	+ 1.10	3.91
Japan & Gen	77.83	82.76	- 0.13	....
Master Portfolio	£101.42	£105.34	- 24.00	1.94
Special Sits	92.98	98.93	+ 0.80	2.23
High Yield	£12.58	£12.97	- 5.00	4.37

CAPITAL HOUSE UNIT TST MGRS
Capital House, Festival Square, Edinburgh
031 225 4777 Dealing: 0800 833 561

American Gwth Tst	34.77	37.19	- 0.40	0.31
Cash Income	50.46	50.46	+ 0.01	4.90
European Gwth	38.83	41.57	- 0.12	..
Income & Gwth Inc	25.78	27.57	- 0.13	4.45
Intnl Gwth	30.54	32.66	+ 0.12	0.16
Japan Gwth	29.20	31.23	- 0.10	....
Managed Tst Inc	46.81	50.06	- 0.07	1.25
Oriental Opps Inc	149.60	160.00	- 3.90	....
Property Shares	36.55	39.08	- 0.24	0.61
Smaller Cos	31.12	33.28	- 0.44	1.29
UK Growth Tst	24.38	26.07	- 0.13	2.45
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	69.75	74.59	- 0.42	1.53
Cap Hse Uk Inc	63.83	68.26	- 0.58	2.60
Exempt Ei	29.84	30.70	....	1.76
Formerly Brown Shipley				
Financial	138.00	147.50P	- 1.80	1.77
Foundation	89.45	95.60P	- 0.92	2.90
German	50.44	53.88	- 0.02	....
High Income	70.92	75.84P	- 0.16	5.88
Income	135.30	144.70	....	3.07
Mngd Ptflo Inc	101.70	108.70	....	1.07
Mngd Ptflo Acc	194.40	207.90	....	1.07
Monthly Income	79.84	85.39P	- 2.34	4.17
North American	100.90	107.90	- 0.40	....

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH
071 606 0788

Cazenove Portfolio	79.30	84.67	- 0.35	2.29
American Portfolio	85.21	91.32	- 0.01	1.04
European Portfolio	91.37	97.89	- 0.68	0.83
Japanese Portfolio	70.87	75.38	+ 0.01	....
Pacific Portfolio	144.41	155.29	- 1.24	0.76
UK Inc & Growth	73.63	78.93	- 0.36	3.42
Utility & Bond	54.43	59.00	- 0.18	5.71

CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD
5 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7BA 071 333 9000
UK General Tst | 61.85 | 65.79 | - 0.28 | 3.04

CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD
51 Farringdon Rd, London EC1R 3AD
071 837 7687

Intl Growth	132.40	143.97	....	....
UK Income	105.71	115.11	....	5.222

CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1
071 407 5966

Beckman Intl	70.76	74.95	....	2.23
Beck Bio-Tech	26.72	29.78	- 0.13	..
Acorn Ethical Tst	157.42	165.71	....	1.27
City Fin Assets	99.41	73.84	....	1.07
City Fin America	81.37	85.65	....	....
City Fin Intl	76.11	80.12	....	0.48
City Fin Japan	177.08	186.40	....	....
Friars Hse Cap	261.21	283.42	....	1.51
Friars Hse Inc	195.68	208.17	....	3.90
Buckley Wrld Gth	135.02	143.84P	....	0.08
Fairmtn Cap Gth	138.41	145.69	- 1.54	..
Uk Inc & Gth	107.56	113.22	- 2.31	1.59
Fairmount Intl	155.72	163.97	- 1.01	..
City Fin Ptflo Inc	55.92	59.49	- 1.34	4.14

CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD
10 Eastcheap, London EC3M 1AJ 0392 412 144
Emerging Markets | 58.83 | n2.42 | - 0.11 | ....

CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0800 373 393

American Gwth	53.25	56.95	- 0.63	....
Atlas Mngd Gwth	36.18	38.70	- 0.11	0.35
Dragon Growth	73.27	78.36	- 0.65	0.21
Equity High Inc	78.70	83.72P	- 0.41	3.94
European Gwth	48.49	51.58	- 0.09	0.77
Evergreen	39.12	31.14	- 0.21	....
General Equity	78.23	83.00	- 0.64	2.63
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	23.20	24.40	- 0.01	8.55
Japan Growth	54.16	57.93	- 0.25	....
Pailgree Gwth	48.21	51.29	- 0.17	2.70
Pnd Sm Cos Inc	30.94	32.95	- 0.16	0.98
Retirement Inc	25.10	26.95	- 0.13	5.58
Special Sits	36.36	38.89	- 0.14	1.81
UK & Overseas	46.70	49.68	- 0.32	1.13

COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD
Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY
0634 898 000

Capital	62.34	66.67	- 0.19	2.43
Income	56.80	60.74P	- 0.10	4.07

COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL LTD
St Helens Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ 081 686 9898
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)
Income Funds

Equity Inc	153.69	163.50	- 0.70	5.48
Fixed & Convertible	39.27	41.88	- 0.02	7.52
Monthly Inc Plus	46.77	49.76	- 0.10	9.00
Preference Share	45.57	48.80	+ 0.04	7.52
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	120.22	127.89	- 0.51	7.31
Managed Fund	64.94	69.08	- 0.21	2.57
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	40.02	42.57	- 0.36	1.59
UK & General	73.87	78.59	- 0.32	2.44
UK Growth	130.64	138.98	- 0.51	2.45
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	185.32	197.15	- 0.80	0.25
Far Eastern Grth	139.87	148.80	- 1.18	..
Global Bond	76.91	81.76	- 0.15	6.40
Japan Growth	129.80	138.09	- 0.51	....
North Amer Grth	150.59	160.20	- 0.63	....
Oriental Growth	81.64	86.85	- 0.76	....
Worldwide Growth	92.73	98.66	- 0.33	0.08
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.86	92.86	+ 0.01	4.38
Homemaker Fund	73.63	78.33	- 0.17	1.93
Quilter Fund	121.98	129.73P	- 0.43	3.02

CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD
Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN
0438 744 840

Growth Inc	55.54	59.08	- 0.22	3.10
High Income	32.23	34.28	- 0.09	4.80
Japan	97.91	40.32	- 0.08	..
Smaller Cos Inc	30.75	32.71	- 0.06	1.45
Smaller Cos	32.26	34.31	- 0.08	2.40
North American	31.96	34.00	- 0.42	0.40
European	35.74	38.02	- 0.19	0.30

CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD
1 White Hart Yd, London Bridge SE1 1NX
071 407 5966

Consistent Ut	29.73	31.99P	- 0.46	3.38

COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD
1 King St, Manchester M60 3AH 0800 526 358

Growth	140.50	149.50	- 0.50	1.61
Income	69.25	73.68P	+ 0.14	5.02
European	59.06	62.84	- 0.27	0.65
Recovery	142.00	151.10	+ 0.50	1.74

CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD
78-80 Cornhill, London EC3V 3NJ 071 283 9494

Equity Dist	791.40	809.40P	..	3.88

CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
0277 690 370

Fellowship Tst	68.25	72.60	- 0.28	1.35
Income	226.10	240.50	- 1.00	4.77
Smaller Cos	149.60	159.10	- 0.40	0.80
Inv Portfolio	74.95	79.73	- 0.51	1.50
High Income Port	64.95	69.09	- 0.32	5.00

DIMENSIONAL TST MGRS LTD
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3XS
071 410 0177

Euro Small Cos	£15.43	£15.80	-26.50	..
Japan Small Cos	£13.14	£13.41	-16.20	..
Uk Small Cos	£17.90	£18.66	-16.20	..
US Small Cos	£15.79	£16.25	- 28	..

DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS
66 Wilson Street, London EC2A 2BL
071 377 3899

Disc Inc	207.40	218.30	..	2.53

DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD
25, Ravelston Terrace, Edinburgh 031 315 2500

European Gwth	260.70	278.90	- 0.80	1.00
New Asia	273.00	289.20P	....	1.01
Japan Growth	130.50	138.90P	- 0.50	..
Jap Smllr Co	551.80	586.60	- 0.80	..
Nth Amer	240.60	255.00	- 1.80	0.93
Stlfrd Intn Pac Mt	125.25	132.90	- 0.70	0.34
UK Inc & Gth	206.30	218.20	- 0.70	2.76

EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555

UK Balanced Inc	141.80	141.80	- 0.80	1.89
UK High Inc Inc	144.50	153.70	- 0.90	4.68
UK Pref & Fixed Int	94.79	99.12	- 0.02	5.39
Envnmntl Opps	84.41	88.54	- 0.26	1.10

EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD
37 Hanover Street, Edinburgh
0345 090 529

American	118.70	123.90	- 0.70	1.41
Convertibles	20.64	21.93P	- 0.04	7.29
Equity Income	121.20	128.80P	- 0.30	4.11
EuroFund	43.83	46.46	- 0.32	0.43
Financial	44.87	47.62	- 0.33	1.67
Growth & Inc	220.80	234.60	- 0.20	3.28
High Dist	148.40	157.70	- 1.40	4.75
International	402.30	427.40	- 2.10	0.11
Int Cap Inc	94.19	100.40	- 0.40	2.98
Latin American	51.55	53.71P	- 0.18	..
Pacific	91.85	97.56	- 0.45	....
Preference Share	21.78	23.14	- 0.05	7.13
Recovery	240.60	255.30P	- 0.40	.53
UK Smaller Cos	227.60	241.90	- 1.00	0.13

ELI PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD
35 Eh Place, London EC1N 6RL
071 242 0242

Elcon Trust	212.72	227.44	- 5.03	0.94

ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU
071 373 72bl

Endurance Fd	200.30	213.10	- 2.80	0.51

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks HP21 7QN
0296 431 400

European	76.92	80.86	- 0.31	1.74
Ethical Tst	44.90	47.36	- 0.12	1.14
Far Eastern	115.50	122.10	- 0.90	0.56
High Income	127.86	134.99	- 0.39	4.76
Intl Growth	119.41	125.69	- 0.17	1.37
North American	109.13	111.72P	- 0.37	1.04
Pelican	111.41	117.27	- 0.08	3.21
Smaller Cos	70.79	74.52	- 0.57	2.16
Special Sits	89.61	92.22P	- 0.26	2.39
Tst of Inv Tsts	197.88	105.90P	- 0.63	1.57

EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1
071 407 5966

Smaller Cos Inc	215.73	224.72	+ 0.23	1.16
Smaller Cos Acc	374.57	390.18	+ 0.40	1.16
Recovery	53.62	55.85	+ 0.02	1.16
Recovery Acc	53.14	55.38	+ 0.02	1.16

EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD
23 Cathedral Yard, Exeter EX1 1HB
0392 412 144

Balanced	104.85	111.54	- 0.01	6.08
Capital Growth	91.09	96.96	- 0.35	..
Fd of Inv Tsts	95.54	99.81	- 0.02	0.60
High Income	65.54	69.81	- 0.02	9.08
Warrant	50.41	64.58P	- 0.33	..
Zero Preference	34.70	36.82	- 0.06	..

FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD
16 West Street, Brighton BN1 2RE 0273 220 707

Family Asset Tst	74.24	78.98	- 1.22	2.27
Family Income Tst	47.15	47.15	- 0.30	5.63
Family Trust	97.76	93.35P	..	1.02
United Charities	262.90	279.60	....	2.60

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD
130 Tonbridge Rd, Tunbridge Wells TN1 1DZ
Callfree: Private Clients: 0800 414 161
Broker Dealings: 0800 414 181

Cash Fund	100.00	100.00	....	4.50
Stabiliser Growth Range				
Controlled Risk, UK	....	....	....	....
-do- Europe	....	....	....	....
-do- America	....	....	....	....
-do- Ace Japan	....	....	....	....
Broker Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	25.60	25.849	- 0.02	8.38
Intl Bond	27.13	28.16	- 0.06	5.49
Income Funds				
High Income	25.20	26.527	- 0.06	5.42
Income Plus	112.20	119.30P	- 0.80	3.74

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Eq Inc	45.37	48.01	- 0.32	1.03
European Income	41.70	44.34	- 0.22	2.23
Far East Inc	62.45	66.48	- 0.28	1.65
Global Convertible	22.64	24.15P	- 0.12	3.78
UK Div Grth	22.85	24.38P	- 0.02	1.36
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	68.13	72.66	- 0.40	....
American	227.60	241.50	- 1.80	....
Amer Spec Sits	107.20	114.40	- 0.90	....
Japan Smaller Cos	44.25	47.21	- 0.17	....
European	156.70	166.80	- 0.20	....
European Opps	61.23	65.11	- 0.14	....
Global Priv	24.01	25.54	- 0.13	1.50
UK Growth	85.65	91.07P	- 0.50	....
Growth & Inc	142.20	152.20	- 2.00	2.66
Intl PEP	35.27	37.51	- 0.25	....
Japan Spec Sits	100.30	107.10	- 0.60	....
Japan	306.00	219.70	+ 0.10	....
Managed Intl	268.40	286.00	- 1.60	....
Moneybuilder	52.33	55.65	- 0.26	....
Recovery	47.21	50.20	- 0.27	....
South E Asia	158.70	169.30P	- 2.10	....
Special Sits	503.90	535.80P	-10.50	....
Specialist Funds				
UK Index	....	....	....	....
UK Reverse Index	....	....	....	....
-do- Reverse Index	....	....	....	....
America Index	....	....	....	....
-do- Reverse Index	....	....	....	....
Japan Index	....	....	....	....
-do- Reverse Index	....	....	....	....
Cash Accum Units	106.34	106.34	+ 0.01	4.80

FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD
20 Finsbury St, Lond EC2Y 9AQ 071 814 2000

Balanced	135.10	138.40P	....	1.54
Inc Ptflio	83.38	84.97P	- 0.15	3.69
Cap Ptflio	140.60	143.30	- 0.70	0.91
General Opps	119.50	121.80	.

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Modest gains at the close

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place ten business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
523	381	Abbey Ntl	388 †	+3½	...	5.0	13.0
314	234	Allied Irish	240 †	...	...	5.3	9.2
228½	179½	Aus New Z	186	-1	...	5.0	28.4
3300	2637½	Bankamerica	2956½	+6½	...	...	...
319	246	Bk of Ireland	278	...	...	4.7	8.0
347	122½	Bank Scotland	202	+2	...	3.1	16.5
640	487	Barclays	554 †	-13½	...	3.8	10.6
32	13½	Carlisle	26 †	...	...	...	...
630½	449	Cater Allen	518	...	...	6.5	10.7
180	130	Cattles	148 †	...	...	4.6	15.5
2628½	1543½	Chase Manh	2269½	+18½	...	...	...
2912½	2262½	Chicorp	2298½	-6½	...	...	...
285½	209	Close Bros	215	-3	...	3.7	11.2
£150½	£121½	Commerzbk	£127	-118½	...	6.5	...
£344½	£270½	Deutsche Bk	£289½	-200	...	2.4	...
90	60	First Nat Fin	74	...	...	2.5	...
1549½	1152½	Fuji Bank Y	1365	+6½	...	0.4	∞
515	395	Gerrard Nat	481	...	22.0	5.7	13.9
1113	660	HSBC	696 †	-4	...	4.4	10.1
1133	680	HSBC HK	716 †	-4	...	4.3	10.6
473	256	Hambros	269	-1	...	7.0	11.0
443	400	Joseph (L)	418	...	...	5.2	12.2
170	129	King Shaxson	129	...	...	8.7	12.7
693	424	Kleinwort Ben	493 †	-13	...	3.1	8.3
660	519	Lloyds	590 †	-9	...	5.4	10.4
119	95	Lon Scot Bk	118	...	...	3.8	17.0
620½	479	Nat Aust Bk	484	+5	...	5.7	10.3
622	421	Nat West	470 †	-6	...	5.2	8.7
573	415	Provident	517 †	-7	...	4.3	16.4
79	53	Rea Bros	65 †	...	...	1.8	18.2
528	377½	Ryl Bk Scot	404	+4	...	3.7	13.3
1574	1030	Schroders	1498 †	-5	...	1.5	15.7
359½	223	Stand Chart	264 †	+1	...	3.0	9.1
291	197	TSB	213 †	...	...	4.7	10.7
180	108	Union	110 †	...	...	5.1	10.2
1012	676	Warburg SG	711	...	...	3.9	13.6
£105	8612½	Wells Fargo	9487½	-125	...	2.8	...
280	194	Westpac	215	...	...	2.5	∞
390	278	Wintrust	278 †	...	...	4.6	18.6

BREWERIES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
683	540	Allied Domecq	568	-9	...	4.9	13.9
614	485	Bass	539	+1	...	4.8	14.1
299	250	Boddington	261 †	...	...	4.0	17.9
459	358	Bulmer (HP)	406	...	...	3.3	23.4
196	168	Burtonwd Brw	192	...	...	3.3	16.0
181	142	Eldridge P 'A'	158	+2	...	2.9	21.9
66	49½	Fosters Brewing	53	-1	...	5.3	∞
493	399	Fullr Sm 'A'	399	...	...	2.4	16.5
506	325	Grand Met	399 †	...	...	4.2	17.3
511	399	Greenalls Grp	431	-1	...	3.7	16.5
584	452	Greene King	514	...	...	3.1	14.3
542	428	Guinness	448	-13	...	3.7	14.4
265	239	Hardy Hanson	263	...	...	4.2	13.5
170	135	Heavitree	170	...	...	3.0	15.3
457	383	Highland Distl	430	+1	...	2.0	20.4
3773	3125	Holt J	3750	+25	...	1.6	21.1
205	127	Macallan-Glen	201	...	...	0.7	55.4
695	365	Macdn Mrtn 'A'	695	...	...	1.7	28.6
246	195	Mansfield	230	...	...	2.4	14.1
314	256	Marston Thmp	298	...	...	2.5	15.4
646	544	Matthew Clark	646 †	...	...	3.5	14.4
250	113	Merrydwn W	119 †	...	...	2.6	...
545	463	Morland	488	...	...	2.6	16.3
10½	8½	Paramount	8½	...	...	2.2	15.7
267	209	Regent Inns	242	...	...	2.1	24.6
1521½	1000	SA Breweries	1187½	...	...	2.3	19.4
591	487½	Scot & New	495	+4	...	4.3	14.7
190	142	Taunton Cider	153 †	+1	...	5.4	11.2
308	229	Vaux Group	247	...	...	4.9	15.9
403½	324½	Wetherspoon JD	394	...	...	1.8	26.0
617	494	Whitbread	531	+6	...	4.4	15.4
589	493	Wolvrhmptn D	558	-7	...	2.9	15.7
180	148	Yates Bros	171	...	...	2.2	21.1
535	483	Young 'A'	500	...	...	3.8	19.2

BUILDING, ROADS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
205	135	Abbey	145 †	...	...	4.5	10.6
22	12	Albrighton	17 †	...	...	3.7	16.3
200	148	Allen	178	...	...	3.7	21.1
164	99	Amec	114	+2	...	3.3	64.9
454	333	Ashtead	435 †	...	...	1.6	27.5
165	107	Atwoods	117	...	...	5.3	...
363	274	BPB Ind	286	+11	...	3.4	20.0
142	93	Baggeridge Brk	120	-2	...	3.3	22.7
41	26	Bailey (Ben) Con	35 †	...	...	2.5	21.4
88	18½	Barcon	29	...	...	7.3	3.5
60	38½	Bardon	41 †	+1	...	6.1	...
292	173	Barratt Devs	181	+3	...	4.2	∞
169	123	Beazer Homes	125	+2	...	5.0	11.0
304	198	Bellway	204	+3	...	3.8	19.2
59	42	Bellwinch	42	...	...	...	∞
244	125	Beresford Intl	198	...	...	...	...
373	383	Berkeley Gp	385	+2	...	2.3	16.0
215	118	Bett Bros	184	...	...	1.9	9.2
93	60	Blockleys	71	...	...	1.8	...
391	262	Blue Circle	279 †	-8	...	3.8	19.8
355	275	Boot (Henry)	275	...	...	3.0	14.0
84	35	Brandon Hire	77 †	...	...	2.4	∞
117	77	Breedon PLC	92	...	...	6.2	28.3
154	130	Br Dredging	136	...	...	5.2	16.1
99	78	Brit Fittings	95	...	...	3.0	...
197½	133	Bryant	138	...	...	4.8	14.8
145½	111½	CALA	125	-1	...	2.8	∞
409	321	CRH	361 †	+3	...	2.7	18.3
70	31	Calchbread Rby	45	...	...	...	...
42	20½	Costain	21	...	...	...	...
185	126	Countryside	126	-1	...	4.1	28.0
120	85	Crest Nicholson	90 †	...	...	2.2	16.7
140	100	Cussins	111 †	...	...	3.8	13.4
30	19	Edmond Hldgs	22	-½	...	1.7	...
350	273	Epwin	323 †	...	...	3.1	19.2
82	57	Erith	71	...	...	1.8	40.0
473	328	Eve Group	328	...	...	4.2	∞
60	34	Galliford	34	...	...	5.7	...
112	87	Gibbs & Dandy	98 †	...	...	3.4	...
1028	848	Gleeson (MJ)	848	...	...	1.9	14.8
218	168	Graham Grp	171	+3	...	3.4	16.2
169	139	Hewden-Stuart	140	...	...	2.4	22.0
82	46	Hewetson	72 †	...	...	2.2	...
473	315	Heywd Wlsn	315 †	...	...	5.4	17.8
144	90	Higgs & Hill	90	...	...	2.5	...
41	27	How Gp	33	...	...	2.6	∞
32	20	Howard Hldgs	26 †	...	...	3.8	24.3
100	67	Ibstock	77½	...	...	1.6	...
25	6	Jarvis	9½	...	...	...	...
138	104	Keller	119	+4	...	6.0	13.7
428	236	Laing (J)	238 †	+1	...	4.7	21.5
164	96½	Laing 6½% Cv Pf	96½	-½	...	8.3	...
145	115	Lon Clydeside	125	...	...	4.3	37.3
173	78	Lovell (YJ)	81	-2	...	...	...
405	332	Marden	332 †	...	...	3.8	16.1
217½	132	Marley	139 †	+7	...	3.8	16.5
155	126	Marshalls	139 †	...	...	3.8	17.0
253	196	Maunders (J)	233	...	...	2.8	22.5
321	194	McAlpine (A)	201	+3	...	4.3	20.0
76½	50½	McCarthy & S	60	...	...	1.0	...
580	376	Meyer Intl	381	+1	...	3.5	16.1
185½	94	Mowlem (J)	104	...	...	2.4	...
202½	96	NSM	104½	...	...	...	12.0
196	146	Newman Tnks	161 †	...	...	5.0	20.3
379½	229	Persimmon	235 †	+1	...	4.9	17.6
20	9	Phoenix Timber	13	...	...	...	...
1800	1450	Pochins	1550	...	29.0	2.4	22.0
198	129	Prowting	129	...	...	3.3	39.6
1079	805	RMC Gp	927	+19	...	2.9	26.0
116	67	Raine Ind	67	-1	...	3.7	14.5
40	21	Ramus	21	...	...	...	...
640	466	Redland	508	+18	...	6.2	26.6
108	70	Rotkel	104	...	4.3	5.2	...
185½	119	Rugby Group	120 †	+1	...	3.6	15.1
61	53	Secure Retire	55	...	...	...	...
67	50	Swfld-Rve	64 †	...	0.7	1.5	30.1
200	155	Sharpe & Fisher	186	...	...	3.0	20.2
288	222	Sheffield Insl	263 †	-3	...	2.7	22.1
365	233	Sheriff Hldgs	365	...	...	1.5	24.3
158	94	Shanco	155 †	...	...	4.4	28.0
245	195	Smart (J)	229	+4	...	4.6	19.7
5	1½	Starmin	1½	...	...	...	...
206	135	Tarmac	146	+6½	...	4.7	...
257	154	Tay Homes	158	...	...	4.7	17.0
183	121	Taylor Woodrw	126 †	-2	...	1.7	30.8
760	548	Tilbury Dougls	553	...	...	7.5	58.0
60	36	Town Hire	58 †	...	...	1.9	30.2
370	274	Travis Perkins	289	+3	...	3.6	23.2
29½	15	Trencherwood	15	...	...	...	...
40½	23	Try Group	24	...	...	2.7	...
28	21	Tudor	23	...	...	1.4	...
113	90	Vibroplant	108 †	...	...	4.2	28.5
170	127½	Walshomes	133½	...	...	3.9	14.4
74	50	Ward Hldgs	58 †	...	...	1.1	...
83	33	Waterhouse	60	-1	...	...	...
545	450	Watts Blake	540	+1	...	2.8	23.2
225½	151	Westbury	152	+1	...	4.3	16.9
7	3½	Wiggins	5½	...	...	...	...
571	364	Wilson Bowdn	364	...	...	3.3	13.6
259	185	Wilson (C)	189 †	+1	...	2.8	18.5
249	142	Wimpey G	144 †	+1	...	4.6	21.5
30	16	YRM	19	...	...	...	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
740	583	ADT	680	-5	...	...	...
478	253	Adam & Harvey	478	...	...	3.9	6.6
83	58	Air London	64	...	...	6.8	14.0
62	44	African Lakes	55	...	...	1.1	...
140	92	Auto Sec	92	...	...	...	11.9
162	101	BET Ord	105	+3	...	3.9	17.5
195	115	BNB Res	186	...	...	3.3	21.7
255	175	BPP	213 †	-10	...	4.2	15.2
186	145	BSM	145	-1	...	5.1	12.2
236	194	Barbour Index	194 †	...	...	5.5	∞
1½	1	Black & Edg	1½	...	...	...	...
226	159	Brit Data Mgt	177	-1	...	3.9	∞
31	22	Broadcastle	26	...	...	4.8	12.4
79	58	Brooks Service	67	...	...	2.8	...
117½	82	CRT Gp	92 †	...	...	4.4	22.6
238	158	Capita Group	187 †	-1	...	2.1	21.3
59	30	Casket Plc	31½	-½	...	4.4	10.7
30½	7½	Chiltern Capital	23½	-½	...	...	...
86	55	Christie	55	...	...	...	...
423	292	Chubb Sec	308	-5	...	3.5	18.9
66	41	Corp Services	62	...	...	0.5	23.3
97	52	Coutts Cnsltg	52	...	...	1.0	...
179	140	Dart	148	...	...	3.1	15.8
276	212	Davis Service	235 †	...	...	4.3	15.8
154	102	DW Pact	105	-31	...	6.1	7.6
34	18½	Gardiner	19½	...	...	4.8	9.3
334	261	Hays	280	-6	...	2.8	18.8
289	220	Hogg Robinson	239	...	...	3.9	16.0
39	18	Holmes Protectn	26	...	...	...	1.6
367½	240	Hunt Wmmp	307½	-½	...	1.8	22.1
2695½	1729½	ISS 'B' DKr	1728½	-2	...	6.0	1.9
609	395	Inchcape	398	-2	...	4.6	12.2
165	145	JBA Hldgs	145	...	...	2.1	14.7
414	254	Johnson Clean	254 †	...	...	5.3	10.3
8	4	Lep	5½	-½	...	...	...
194	141½	Mitie Gp	190 †	...	...	1.5	22.2
1790½	1150½	Manpower	1749½	-12½	...	0.7	...
115	65	Michael Page	113 †	...	...	2.5	27.8
143	90	Parity	140 †	...	...	2.0	36.6
115	85	Pennie	85	...	...	5.0	...
89½	60½	Proudfoot	74	-1	...	6.1	17.8
415	293	RCO	303 †	...	...	6.5	10.2
125	97	REA	123	...	...	6.1	46.8
177	104	Reed Executive	174 †	...	1.0	0.7	...
153	105	Reliance Sec	139 †	-6	...	4.2	...
279	199½	Rentokil	232 †	+1	...	1.6	23.9
195	147½	Rolfe & Nolan	190	...	...	3.6	29.6
392	243	Salvesen (C)	272	-2	...	3.7	14.2
68	43	Scott Pickford	60	...	...	1.9	∞
17½	9	Select App	13½	...	...	...	...
307	243	Serco Gp	299 †	...	...	1.5	27.2
130	75	Sherwd Cmp	109	...	...	2.0	...
130	98	Sketchley	98	...	...	4.1	15.3
338	325	Warner Howard	328	...	...	2.8	15.6
30½	20½	Wills Gp	20½	...	...	2.5	∞

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
156½	115½	Allied Colloids	131	-1	...	2.2	21.0
1141	910	Amersham	979	-14	...	2.0	20.5
3½	1½	Anglo Utd	2	...	...	...	...
£140½	£105½	BASF DM	£132½	+37½	...	7.1	...
373	287	BTP	305	...	...	4.1	19.3
£160½	£125½	Bayer DM	£149½	-287½	...	6.1	...
171	97	Blagden	120	...	...	1.6	36.1
131	98	Brent Chems	119	...	...	4.3	...
530	311½	Brit Biotech	530	+6	...	...	...
13	5½	Caird Gp	7½	...	...	...	21.5
199	153	Canning (W)	194	...	...	4.8	32.3
580	467	Courtaulds	469	-2	...	3.0	37.8
389	327	Croda	364 †	-2	...	2.9	15.6
133	95	Doeflex	116	...	...	5.0	13.1
293	225	Ellis & Everard	263 †	-2	...	3.6	19.4
58	35½	Euro Colour	57	...	...	2.5	20.3
390	337	Halstead (J)	389	...	...	2.2	18.2
231	160	Hickson	172 †	...	...	5.8	15.4
£157½	£108½	Hoechst	£139½	+165½	...	5.3	...
250	153½	Holliday Chem	224 †	...	...	2.4	19.1
868	728	ICI	828 †	-1	...	4.2	66.9
843	704	Laporte	740	-9	...	3.6	19.8
248	190	Leigh	214 †	-4	...	4.6	19.6
95	48	MTM	87 †	...	...	0.2	...
2490½	1912½	Norsk Hydro	2321½	-12½	...	1.4	∞
625	461	Paterson Zoh	496	...	...	3.2	13.1
595	416	Paterson Zoh 'A'	474	...	...	3.3	12.5
250	188	Plysu	190	...	...	4.6	27.2
349	285	Porvair	307 †	...	...	1.8	23.0
66	32	Sutcliffe Speak	32 †	...	...	2.0	19.0
490	361	Wardle Storeys	415	...	...	5.2	21.7
823	570	Wolstenholme R	703	-5	...	3.0	19.6
493	380	Yorks Chem	420 †	...	...	2.5	18.1
336	258	Yule Catto	296	-1	...	2.7	22.3
860	672	Zeneca	825 †	-7	...	4.2	16.0

DRAPERY, STORES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	203	Alders	214	-1	...	3.6	16.0
410	322	Argos Plc	328	+3	...	3.2	17.1
102	54½	Ashley (Laura)	66	+1	...	0.2	...
357	182	Asprey	182	...	...	4.2	9.0
245	178	Austin Reed	202	...	...	2.8	13.5
168	130	Beattie (J) 'A'	140 †	...	...	5.5	18.3
150	110	Bentalls	129	...	...	1.9	44.5
165	45	Betterware	45	-1	...	7.2	4.9
48	36	Blacks Leis	40 †	...	...	7.0	...
264	193½	Body Shop	200	+4	...	1.2	18.8
530	504	Boots	521	+6	...	3.6	20.6
12½	7½	Brown & Jackson	7½	...	...	...	...
263	210	Brown (N)	261	+1	...	1.9	25.3
74½	51	Burton	59½	...	...	4.2	...
245	180	Carpets	192	...	...	2.6	∞
520	398	Church	501 †	...	...	3.2	28.7
171	96	Clinton Cards	102	...	...	5.8	8.6
287	195	Coats Viyella	198	-½	...	5.4	16.6
170	106	Cty Casuals	106	-1	...	5.1	10.8
933	740	Courts Furnish	753 †	...	...	1.0	38.3
210	135	Crown Eye	180 †	-5	...	6.6	7.8
157	83½	Dairy Farm Intl	86½	-1½	...	4.0	12.5
143	99½	Dewhirst (IJ)	134½	...	...	1.6	24.4
207	170	Dixons Grp	195 †	+3	...	4.2	20.7
11½	7½	ERA Gp	8½	...	...	...	...
11½	7½	Eclipse Blinds	8½	...	...	2.3	...
580	530	Elys (Wimbldn)	580	...	...	3.8	∞
284	191	Essex Furn	192	...	...	2.5	30.7
326	222	Evans	318	...	...	2.9	22.6
559	494	Fine Art Dev	508	...	24.3	3.5	15.7
55	48	Fired Earth	50	+6	...	...	...
728	600	Forminster	728 †	...	...	2.7	∞
270	124	French Conn	260	-2	...	...	15.2
78	48	Gent SR	77	+1	...	3.7	∞
127	85	Goldsmiths Gp	125	+1	...	1.1	22.4
653	524	GUS	555	+10	...	3.0	16.1
196	164	Hamleys	182	...	...	3.2	17.5
31	21	Hampden Grp	29	+1	...	4.3	...
30½	13½	Hartstone	17½	...	...	3.3	...
91	64	Honeysuckle	73	...	...	4.3	10.7
227	178	Hse of Fraser	208	-2	...	3.0	18.7
211	173	Jacques Vert	191 †	...	...	2.9	16.8
778	477	Kingfisher	483 †	+4	...	3.9	11.8
88	61	Leslie Wise Gp	68 †	...	...	7.4	14.3
435	350	Liberty	350	...	...	1.7	43.4
380	277	Lloyds Chem	285	...	...	3.3	10.1
184	135	MFI	139 †	+4	...	3.6	17.4
400½	380	Marks Spencer	404	+1	...	2.8	18.8
680	534	Menzies (John)	584 †	-18	...	2.6	13.9
343	238	Moss Bros	280	...	...	2.7	16.0
225	214	Next	240	-1	...	3.6	14.6
91	39	Oliver (G)	91	...	...	...	28.1
336	235	Oriflame Intl	285 †	...	...	4.6	12.9
37	19½	Pentos	20½	...	...	...	...
268	169	QS Hldgs	173	...	...	3.8	20.4
62	25	Rhino Grp	29	...	...	2.2	22.6
208	149	Rosebys	169 †	...	...	4.0	17.4
180	112	Sherwood Gp	112	-1	...	3.2	11.1
132	106	Sears	109½	-2½	...	4.3	28.1
46	27½	Signet Group	37½	-½	...	...	16.8
549	450	Smith WH	450 †	-10	...	4.3	23.2
21	10	Specialeyes	11	+1	...	...	...
252	199	Storehouse	204	...	...	3.4	18.1
198	146	T & S Stores	182	-2	...	4.2	13.3
172	124	Tie Rack	134	...	...	1.6	15.9
265	215	Time Products	231	...	...	4.6	17.9
132	105	Usher (Frank)	119	-1	...	7.6	∞
539	384	Vendome	504	-2	...	1.4	38.8
44	34	Vivat	36	...	...	4.3	9.3
70	34	WEW Group	37	...	...	2.0	27.3
98	82	Weston	92	+1	...	2.7	32.4
120	91	Wickes	93	-2	...	1.8	20.8
97	54	Wld of Leather	84 †	...	...	1.4	...
195	138	Wyevale	145	...	...	4.8	15.0

ELECTRICALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	109	ACT Group	110	-5	...	6.0	10.3
286	243	Acal	278	...	...	3.0	17.4
650	478	Admiral	648 †	...	...	1.3	19.9
198	163	Alba	191 †	...	...	3.3	15.8
46	34	Alphameric	44	...	...	...	33.6
50	26	Amstrad	29½	...	...	2.1	...
110	73	Ape Holo	102	-2	...	...	...
39	24	Arlen	32	...	...	...	...
94½	58	Astec	87½	...	...	1.3	21.7
281	171	Azlon	173	...	...	2.2	14.0
283	239	Beales Hunter	265 †	...	...	4.6	∞
478	360	BICC	361	-3	...	6.8	22.4
535	411	Blick	443	-1	...	2.9	17.8
...	637½	Borland	750	-25	...	...	...
380	302	Bowthorpe	302	-3	...	2.9	16.8
486	353½	BT	368	-1	...	5.7	12.8
367	236½	BT pp	248½	-½	...	5.7	12.8
20	14½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	18½	...	...	1.7	13.5
79	55	Burnfield	74 †	...	...	3.1	31.8
563	393	Cable Wireless	401	+6	...	2.6	17.0
39½	28	Chloride	28½	...	...	...	79.0
283	263	CML Micro	268	...	...	2.8	17.1
205	105	Compter People	205	...	...	1.5	46.5
202	154	Cray Elect	180	...	...	1.6	∞
467	412	Crickley	450	...	...	2.2	20.1
586	467	Delta	467 †	-1	...	3.9	20.8
683	446	Denmans El	609	...	...	1.4	16.8
560	400	Domino	537	...	...	2.0	23.1
78	68	Dowding Mills	66 †	...	...	4.8	∞
1635	1220	Druck	1500 †	...	...	0.9	27.9
589	451	Electrocompnts	451	-8	...	2.6	19.7
199½	135	El Data Prc	148	-5	...	1.5	13.7
175	130	Electron House	161 †	...	...	2.5	16.6
39½	23	Emess	33	...	...	0.4	...
457	343	Eurotherm	386 †	...	...	1.6	22.9
212	162½	FKI	169½	...	...	2.7	19.6
636	510	Farnell Elect	510	-12	...	1.8	20.9
346	206	First Tech	346 †	...	...	1.3	20.0
283	209	Forward Gp	210	...	...	3.0	12.6
35	14½	Forward Tech	35	+5	...	0.6	...
397½	289½	GEC	283½	+1	...	4.8	14.3
191	119	Graseby	164 †	...	...	4.6	15.4
14½	10	Guyspane	14½	+1	...	2.1	∞
193	126	Ind Control	141	-4	...	4.5	∞
389	268	Jones Stroud	348 †	...	...	3.2	16.6
145	99	Kalamazoo	135	-1	...	3.1	13.2
16	9	Kenbray	16	...	...	1.2	...
396	335	Kenwood App	378	...	...	1.0	18.1
306	221	Kewill Sys	283 †	...	...	2.4	∞
165	33	Kode	49	...	...	10.2	...
35	19	Laser-Scan	22	...	...	...	...
143½	68	LIMS	102	...	...	...	...
395	255	Lec Refrig	355	...	...	3.2	...
371	107	Life Sciences	137 †	+1	...	3.7	15.6
246	166	Logica	320	...	...	2.0	∞
52	45	LPA Ind	48	...	...	4.3	...
216	123	MR Data Mngt	129	+1	...	5.4	14.4
723	475	Macro 4	475 †	-3	...	5.3	∞
281	210	Menvier-Sw	280 †	...	...	2.0	20.3
1320	795	Micro Focus	823	...	...	...	10.0
178	126	Microgen	127	-1	...	7.1	12.7
45	31	Microvitec	39½	...	...	...	...
549½	433	Misys	434 †	...	...	2.3	∞
494	185	Mitel	229	-1	...	...	...
188	143	MMT Comp	179	...	...	3.0	18.3
330	280	MTL Inst	319	...	...	1.6	20.6
148	134	Murray Etx	122	...	...	...	...
2749½	2300	NYNEX	2300	-100	...	...	...
128	76	Neotronics	76	...	...	4.3	16.5
60	48	Newmark (L)	50	...	...	...	...
438	270	Nurbain	429	-1	...	0.7	20.6
100	47	Northamber	93	-1	...	1.1	39.5
9½	4½	Oceonics	4½	...	...	...	...
31	24	Orbis	26	...	...	...	...
358	277	Oxford Inst	329 †	...	...	1.9	19.4
84	60	P & P	69	...	...	3.9	17.1
98	74½	Peak	85	-1	...	5.1	21.7
235	173	Pegasus	173 †	-1	...	3.6	17.4
£115	£750	Philips Fn 4%	£115	...	...	5.0	...
2175	1400	Philips Lmp pv	1968½	+3½	...	0.9	9.0
440	236	Phonelink	267	-1	...	...	...
369	285	Pifco	359 †	-1	...	1.6	24.6
344	283	Pifco 'A' Vtg	342 †	-1	...	1.6	23.4
140	70	Plasmec	130 †	...	...	3.6	...
129	100	Pressac	121	-1	...	2.7	24.7
308	181	Psion	280 †	...	...	1.3	19.6
261	187	Racal Elect	239	...	...	2.2	19.6
50	33	Radamec	44	...	...	4.8	13.3
48	27	Radius	44 †	-1	...	1.0	...
169	73	Real Time	161 †	-6	...	3.1	∞
311	229	Roxboro	249	-1	...	2.3	18.1
615	507	Sage Gp	615	...	...	2.1	16.6
94	77½	Sanderson Elec	89	...	...	4.0	...
30	19	Scantronic	28	-1	...	3.8	∞
258	162	Scholes Grp	253	...	...	0.8	∞
431	310	Sema Gp	431 †	...	...	1.0	26.0
270	245	Servomex	262	...	...	3.1	20.4
49	37	Silverlines	39 †	...	...	2.6	23.2
94	63	Soundtracks	68 †	...	...	4.4	15.4
3225	2259½	TDK	2781½	-28½	...	1.2	∞
19	11	TDS Circuits	13½	...	...	...	...
170	83	Telemetrix	83	-2	...	1.5	10.6
308	191	Telspec	296 †	-1	...	1.1	35.8
1165	969	Thorn EMI	981 †	+9	...	4.3	20.0
226	133	Thorpe FW	226	+6	...	1.6	20.2
43	22	Total Systems	31	...	...	...	32.2
303	215	Tunstall	249	...	...	1.8	17.8
363	256	Unitech	345 †	+7	...	2.4	27.0
16	8½	Verity	9½	-½	...	...	...
31	21½	Vistec	25	...	...	2.0	13.6
212	157½	Vodafone	194½	+8	...	1.8	25.4
483	395	Volex	420 †	...	...	5.4	18.4
200	68	Wakebourne	94	...	...	...	...
31	20	Western Selecm	26	...	0.2	1.2	...
335	260	Wholesale Ftgs	263 †	...	11.7	5.6	∞

ELECTRICITY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
787	537	East Midlands	752 †	-2	...	3.8	58.3
866	566	Eastern Elect	777 †	-10	...	3.7	17.0
477	322	Hydro-Elect	383 †	+3	...	4.1	12.1
753	534	London Elect	717	-9	...	3.9	11.0
871	635	Manweb	823	-8	...	3.7	9.8
840	547	Midlands Elec	799 †	-18	...	3.6	12.3
520	404½	National Powr	483	...	...	3.4	11.5
858	589	Northern Elec	782 †	-31	...	4.0	9.8
431	329	Nthn Ireland	385 †	+14	...	3.7	10.5
850	587	Norweb	806 †	-5	...	3.6	10.6
602	449	PowerGen	533	+1	...	3.0	11.7
486	337½	Scottish Powr	392 †	+6	...	4.0	12.4
433	297	Seeboard	430	-1	...	3.4	11.4
840	591	Sth Wales	808	-3	...	4.0	10.9
824	551	Sth Western	789 †	-5	...	3.7	10.5
804	540	Southern Elec	749½	-13½	...	3.8	11.7
785	532	Yorkshire Elec	738 †	+6	...	3.9	14.8

FINANCE, LAND

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
57	51	Aitken Hume	51 #	...	...	3.5	...
165	99	BWD	101 †	-2	...	5.2	8.3
119	96	Baltic Plc	117	...	...	1.6	13.0
215	163	Biotec Inv	168	+2	...	...	...
757	603	Caledonia	698	-6	...	2.9	17.3
2650	1900	Camellia	2650	...	...	1.5	7.1
383	310	Candover	329 †	...	...	4.3	...
212	196	Exco	198	-3	...	5.3	10.8
465	367	Govett	385	-2	...	4.8	6.3
250	185	Ivory Sime	226	...	...	4.1	17.6
428	160	Johnson Fry	160	-3	1.5	1.2	...
348	143	Lon Forfaiting	171	-1	...	6.9	10.5
57	44	Manakin	49	...	...	...	...
25½	8½	Nat Home Loan	16½	...	...	...	0.3
58	53	Newmarket	56	...	...	...	...
395	247	Rathbone Bro	273 †	...	...	3.9	13.5
39	21½	Ratland Tst	27	...	...	4.2	13.5
389	281½	S & U	335	...	...	4.3	10.8
114	83	Singer & Fried	82 †	-1	...	4.8	10.6
1260	788	Sothebys	795 †	...	...	3.5	34.3
188	129	STP Capital	129	-3	...	2.9	8.0
224	163	Towry Law	163	-2	...	3.5	∞

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2037½	1628½	Amer Express	1912½	+18½	...	...	...
154	131	Brewin Dolphin	142 †	...	...	5.1	10.5
229	157	Gartmore	167½	-1½	...	3.0	19.4
1208	845	Henderson Ad	910	...	...	6.0	14.5
251½	152	Invesco	164 †	...	...	2.9	26.9
317	244½	Jardine Strat	257	-8	...	3.1	10.2
323	247	MAI	253	-2	...	3.9	∞
117½	97½	MAI 5.9% Cv Pf	97½	...	...	...	...
730	538	MAM	618	...	...	4.6	14.4
1283	704	M & G	945	-1	...	3.7	19.8
496	362	Smith New Ct	416	...	...	3.0	3.5
65	25	Trio Hldgs	31	...	...	6.0	14.1

FOODS

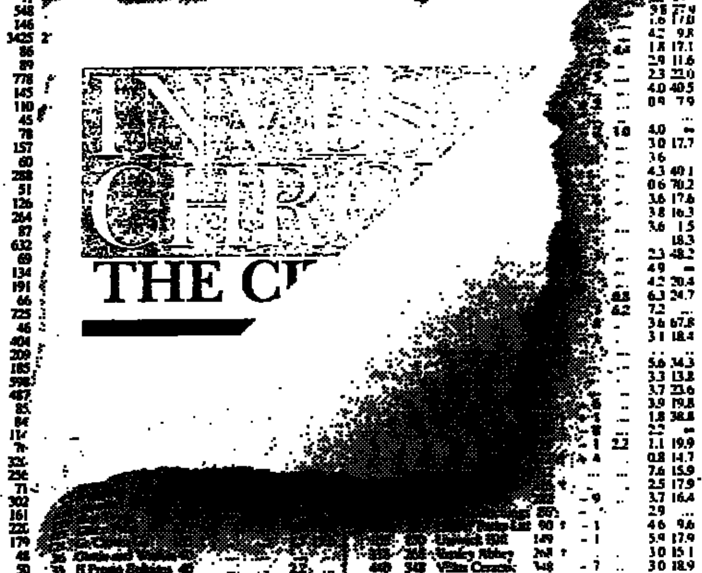
1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
607	499	AB Food	539 †	-8	...	3.5	10.6
68	50½	ASDA Group	63 †	-2½	...	3.5	14.5
348	265	Acatos & Hutch	290	...	...	3.7	11.6
74	44	Albert Fisher	49	...	...	9.6	10.9
345	225½	Argyll	277	-10	...	5.2	12.1
270	220	Banks (S C)	260 †	...	...	4.7	10.0
371	305	Barr (AG)	371	...	...	2.3	23.9
72	42	Bensons Crsp	48	...	...	5.6	...
481	378	Booker	426	-2	...	4.6	14.9
56½	43	Borthwick	51½	...	...	3.2	22.0
505	416	Brake Bros	418	...	...	2.1	15.4
43	24	Budgen	26 †	...	...	4.8	16.5
189	156	CPL Aromas	189	+1	...	2.0	38.0
545	407	Cadbury-Schw	455 †	-2	...	4.2	15.1
232	143	Carr Milling	186	...	...	3.8	∞
187	130	Cranswick	164	...	...	6.3	13.7
17	11½	Colliers	15½	-½	...	...	...
154	90	Dalepak	119 †	...	...	1.6	∞
543	389	Dalgety	439	-6	...	6.2	11.3
87	50	Danish S	54	...	...	8.7	...
284	219	Devro	229	...	...	3.4	15.3
108	60	Everest	60	...	...	5.3	∞
394	348	Farepak	350 †	...	...	2.4	19.9
8½	6	Farringford	6	...	...	...	...
85	68	Finlay (James)	77	...	...	6.9	14.0
105	87	Fyffes	102	...	...	1.7	17.5
371	189	Geest	189	-31	...	5.5	...
20½	14	Global	15	...	...	4.2	13.7
68	38	Grand Central	48	...	...	...	...
164	119	Hazlewood Fds	126 †	-1	...	6.6	7.7
196½	151	Hillsdown	180	...	...	6.2	12.7
38	16	Hobson	34	...	...	...	...
211	133	Iceland Group	157½	-5½	...	3.1	9.8
111	93	ILI Group	101	...	...	5.9	14.2
686	523	Kwik Save	589	-6	...	4.0	10.3
376	138	Low (Wm)	263	...	...	2.9	12.0
127	85	Matthews (B)	126	...	...	2.7	19.4
18	10½	Merchant Retail	12½	...	...	2.8	...
149	99	Morrison (W)	138	-1	...	0.9	16.1
246	205	Nichols (JN)	243 †	...	...	3.0	15.6
271½	196	Nthn Foods	197	-4	...	5.6	9.6
14	9	Nthmbrn Fn	13	...	...	...	...
232	177	Nurdin Peack	186 †	-1	...	4.4	10.3
146	89½	Park Foods	130 †	-1	...	2.3	26.3
81	62	Perkins Food	74½	...	...	7.5	12.5
141	109	PizzaExpress	123	-2	...	2.0	∞
9½	2½	Regina Hlth	2½	...	...	...	...
480	342	Sainsbury J	416	-9	...	2.4	14.7
96	73	Scotty Farm	81	...	...	3.5	8.2
122	71	Sims Food	94 †	...	...	10.0	∞
467½	392	Tate & Lyle	434	-6	...	3.8	10.8
255	200½	Tesco	239	-4	...	4.2	11.8
198	162	Thorntons	183	...	...	2.6	...
238	145	Treats	210 †	-2	...	2.4	17.1
434½	346	Unigate	357	+1	...	6.1	10.1
388	302	Utd Biscuits	304	-4	...	6.4	8.1
21	8	Usborne	8½	...	...	4.9	6.3
422	279	Watson & Philip	376	...	...	4.9	15.2
49	34	West Trust	35 †	...	...	8.9	24.5

HOTELS, CATERERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
40	26	Abrdn Stk H	38	-2	...	...	...
98	76	City Centre Rest	81 †	...	...	2.7	16.4
285	209½	Forte	216	+5	...	4.3	33.6
207	160	Friendly Hotels	187	...	...	3.9	74.6
171½	142½	Jurys Hotel	168	-½	...	4.1	15.0
217½	153	Ladbroke	157 †	...	...	2.8	27.7
109½	78½	Mandarin Orntl	83½	-2½	...	3.8	21.8
31½	18½	Ryan Hotels E	31½	...	...	4.1	18.0
1135	790	Savoy Hotel 'A'	913	...	...	0.5	...
92	60½	Stakis	84	...	...	1.8	30.2

INDUSTRIALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
86	36	AAF Inds	37	...	...	...	...
544	413	AAH	418 †	-2	...	3.4	14.9
185	119	AIM	145 †	...	...	3.0	38.7
122	72	APV	74	...	...	7.5	...
220	157	ASW	187 †	...	...	4.0	...
260	158	Adwest	172	-1	...	5.3	18.5
23½	14	Aerospace Eng	19 †	...	...	4.9	55.0
312	223	Alexprung	246	-1	...	2.4	15.3
230	192	Alexndra W	200	-1	...	3.5	21.3
11	5½	Allied Radio	6½	...	...	...	...
330	283	Alumasc	325	...	...	2.3	18.1
73	39	Alvis	55 †	...	...	2.3	38.2
780	705	Amber Ind	780	...	...	3.2	18.2
65	47½	Amberley Gp	50	-3	...	2.5	∞
81	45	Anagen	55	...	...	...	...
95	47	Andrews Sykes	65	...	...	...	...
363	199½	Anglo-Irish	345	+12	...	1.3	22.8
62	48	Armour	55½	-½	...	4.2	∞
175	167	Ash & Lacy	168	...	...	4.8	20.3
6	3½	Ass Br Eng	4½	...	...	1.5	53.6
639	474	Avon Rubber	591	-2	...	3.5	25.2
348	248	Assoc Nursg	248	...	...	1.0	14.5
553	490	Atlas Equip	538	...	...	5.1	18.7
135	66	Ayrshire Metal	125 †	...	1.5	1.5	...
226	174	BBA	174 †	-2	...	3.2	...
193	115	BLP Group	173	...	...	0.7	47.2
51	24½	BM Gp	46½	-1½	...	...	...
767	627	BOC	710	+1	...	4.1	30.0
86½	60½	BSG	67	...	...	0.0	41.5
576	495	BSS Group	547	-3	...	4.1	22.8
401	303½	BTR	306 †	+2½	...	5.1	16.2
176	138	BWI	144	...	...	5.8	18.2
40½	26½	Babcock	32½	...	...	...	...
11	6½	Bailey (CH)	7½	...	...	...	...
270	216	Baird (Wm)	227	-3	...	5.0	19.1
568½	368½	Barlow	409½	-15½	...	0.8	...
81	64	Baynes (Charles)	77 †	...	...	2.9	19.7
29½	17	Bearing Power	23	+½	...	4.1	14.6
95	23	Beauford	33	...	...	...	...
35	28	Bedford (W)	32	...	...	...	...
18½	11½	Benson Group	11½	...	...	3.6	∞
393	243	Bespak	304 †	...	...	4.2	15.6
91	49	Bibby (J)	55	...	...	4.5	...
226	143	Billam (J)	144	...	...	4.6	9.0
39	26	Bilston Burgss	37	-1	...	...	...
10	3½	Birmec Ind	6½ #	...	...	...	...
283	243	Birkby	256 †	...	...	2.9	18.8
48	30	Black Arrow	45 †	...	...	7.2	10.9
290	233	Black (Peter)	276 †	...	...	2.0	∞
250	135½	Bluebird Toys	238	...	...	3.2	7.0
329	262	Bodycote	322	...	...	2.1	22.7
40	28	Bogod 'A'	28 †	...	...	3.1	∞
75	43	Booth Inds	65	...	...	...	...
28½	17	Boustead	28 †	...	...	3.6	∞
524	409	Bowater	476 †	+3	...	3.4	17.9
1856½	1328½	Bowater Inc	1856½	+3½	...	...	...
297	252	Boxmore Intl	272	-2	...	1.8	17.4
30	15	Brassway	17½	...	...	3.8	17.8
370	288	Brammer	357 †	-2	...	4.6	23.2
31	17½	Bridgend Gp	17½	-½	...	1.4	∞
171	120	Bridon	162	-1	...	3.1	...
97	74	Bridport-Gndry	93	...	...	3.0	...
57½	44½	Brierley Inv	47½	+1	...	8.9	∞
235	190	Br Bldg & Eng	190	...	...	5.3	16.0
124	70	Br Bloodstock	74	...	...	...	66.4
515	435	Br Polythene	458	-5	...	3.4	15.9
164½	121½	Br Steel	157½	+3½	...	1.6	58.3
176	88	Br Thornton	88	...	...	8.5	7.7
309	233	Br Vita	238 †	+4	...	3.9	17.7
180½	136½	Brixton Grp	152 ↓	...	...	2.1	22.4
988	773½	Broken Hill	933	-2	...	2.0	41.1
125	86½	Bromsgrve Ind	94½	...	...	6.0	12.0
18½	9½	Bronx Tool	14	...	...	...	...
71	46	Brown & Tawse	51	...	...	...	...
186	135	Bullough	156	...	...	4.8	25.6
16	8	Business Tech	8½	...	...	...	...
22	14	CI Group	16	...	...	3.9	65.3
54	31	Camphll & Arm	47	+5	...	...	...
39	26	Cannon St	27½	...	...	...	10.5
488	398	Cantab Pharms	398	...	...	...	...
278	254	Cape	255	-1	...	5.4	16.2
455	254	Caradon	270 †	+6	...	4.1	17.9
215½	128½	Caradon 'pf	137	+5½	7.2	6.6	...
293	251	Carclo Eng	259	-1	...	4.4	16.9
10	6	Care UK	6½	...	...	...	...
2446½	1800½	Carnaud Mtl	2071½	-28½	...	2.3	16.0
104	80	Cassidy Bros	87	...	...	4.0	11.2
153	110	Castings	140	...	...	2.3	17.2
66	32½	Cathay Intl	34	...	...	...	...
233	191	Celltech	207	...	...	...	...
230	155	Chamberlin Hill	160	...	...	5.1	10.1
836	636½	Charter	805	-2	...	3.5	22.9
360	272	Chemring	300	...	...	3.9	15.8
62	46	Chieftain Gp	56 †	...	...	7.8	11.2
346	152	Christies Int	167 †	-2½	...	1.5	24.5
80	60	Clayhithe	73	...	...	4.5	∞
689	403	Cohen (A)	510	...	3.4	0.8	...
297	232	Community H	255	...	...	3.6	14.5
263	187	Concentric	180	...	...	3.9	15.7
310	240	Cook (Wm)	281 †	...	...	3.3	13.5
283	227	Cookson	231 †	-7	...	3.5	21.0
117	81	Copymore	115 †	...	...	4.5	16.3
167	131	Crawl Flr 'A'	131	...	...	5.4	17.7
157	109	Cosalt	133	-2	...	5.0	...
285	200	Creighton Nt	200	-5	...	4.8	∞
44	30	CrestaCare	30	-1	...	3.2	...
206½	18½	Dana	1787½	-37½	...	...	...
388	288	Danka Bs Sys	293	-3	...	0.6	25.0
296	220	David Brown	256	-2	...	3.1	18.1
1021	825	De La Rue	917	-4	...	2.7	19.5
162	133	Denby Group	158	...	...	2.5	15.4
53	35	Dinkie Heel	36	...	...	4.9	9.3
628	459	Diploma	459	-1	...	3.4	18.4
97	70	Dobson Park	82	...	...	5.7	16.2
134	102	Dyson (J&J)	109 †	...	...	4.0	∞
97	78	Dyson 'A'	85 †	...	...	5.1	∞
16	12½	EFG	12½	...	0.1	1.0	8.2
442	364	EIS	390	...	...	4.0	15.5
25	15	Elbief	18	...	...	...	...
53	41	Eleco	42	...	...	...	...
3756½	2303	Electrolux 'B'	3078½	-75	...	1.7	52.7
91	69	Elliott (B)	85	...	...	1.5	23.0
447½	321	Eng China Cl	377	+4	...	5.5	17.9
146	96	Environmed	124	...	...	0.2	...
3862½	2737½	Ericsson 'B'	3437½	-9½	...	1.1	24.9
86	56	Eurocopy	65	...	...	3.5	19.1
119	60	Expamet	103	...	...	3.3	72.0
402	334½	Fairey Group	391 †	-1	...	2.0	20.3
146	109	Fenner	147	...	...	0.3	...
110	82	Ferraris Group	88	...	...	3.0	13.0
48	39	Fernam	39	...	...	...	...
78	50	Fife Indmar	56 †	...	...	6.1	8.2
157	113	Fisons	119	...	...	2.9	...
60	37	Fitzwilton	44 †	...	...	10.5	...
303	263	Flogas	303	...	...	2.8	12.5
51	38	Folkes Group nv	47	...	1.5	4.0	...
128	94	French (Thomas)	96	...	...	4.8	18.8
264	220	Futura Group	245 †	-5	...	2.8	24.2
88	77	GEI Intl	83	...	...	2.5	23.3
660	510½	GKN	604 †	-1	...	4.2	35.3
79	49	GR Hldgs	55	...	...	4.1	...
134	91	Garton Eng	130	...	...	4.3	35.2
191	136	Gestetner	147	-1	...	3.0	...
66	49	Gleves	62	...	...	2.0	39.8
725	520	Glaxo	574 †	-15	...	5.9	14.0
46	35½	Glenchewton	37	-1½	...	...	...
404	328½	Glynwed	328½	-2½	...	4.5	19.0
209	125	Goode Durrant	193	...	...	3.9	15.1
185	137	Grampian Hdg	137	...	...	5.0	52.9
598	475	Granada	491 †	+7	...	2.3	19.4
775	452	Great Univrs	773 †	...	...	2.3	25.0
85	71	Green (Ernest)	74	+3	...	10.6	∞
15½	11½	Greenacre	11½	...	...	3.5	16.1
85	61	Haden MacLn	79 †	...	...	3.2	20.4
122	90	Hadleigh	134 †	...	...	3.2	13.2
78	59	Hallam Hldgs	67	-1	...	...	52.3
330	148	Hall Eng	148 †	...	...	6.8	11.6
256	204	Halma	222	...	...	1.5	26.1
73	47	Hampson Ind	72 †	-1	...	3.5	13.7
302	233½	Hanson	256 †	+1	...	6.4	21.1
161	122	Harris (Philip)	150	...	...	5.7	18.5
230	152	Harrison Cssfld	162	-1	...	7.1	18.1
180	121	Havelock Euro	173	...	...	1.4	20.5
48	30	Hay (Norman)	31	...	...	...	...
50	33	Headway	34 †	...	...	2.6	∞
511	284	Hepworth	288	+4	...	6.4	15.0
205	140	Hewitt (J)	140	...	...	2.9	...
75	52	High-Point	53	...	0.5	1.2	...
164½	142	Hill & Smith	142 †	...	...	5.1	15.4
191	111	Holders Tech	119	...	...	6.3	12.9
63	39	Hopkinsons	57	...	...	2.9	...
216	176	Hornby	183	...	...	6.1	16.7
103	78	Howden	90 †	-1	...	3.4	14.4
292	234	Hozelock	257	-1	...	2.8	19.0
265	179	Hunting	180	...	...	6.9	35.6
513	402	Hunting Tec	428	...	...	1.3	24.7
379	288	IMI	302 †	+2	...	4.2	25.6
138	110	ISA Intl	124	...	...	1.7	16.5
165	45	Intercare Gp	45	...	...	9.1	5.1
325	264	Isotron	291	...	...	2.1	∞
710	409½	Jardine Math	538½	-23	...	2.7	12.3
628	488	Johnson Matth	570	-10	...	2.5	22.7
51	37	Johnson & FB	39	...	...	1.1	...
294	149	Johnston	275	...	...	0.9	...
32	25	Jones Shipman	31	...	...	...	...
36	27½	Jourdan (T)	31	...	...	4.1	30.3
191½	148½	Kalon	159½	-½	...	3.4	15.1
301	230	Kelsey Ind	264	+3	...	3.3	...
875	730	Kershaw (A)	875	...	...	3.9	40.3
276	163	Kleeneze	167	+4	...	0.7	37.1
444	341	Laird	376	-4	...	3.7	17.5
170	145	Lilleshall	165 †	...	...	3.6	17.3
229	205	Lincat	219	...	...	4.0	∞
405	313	Linton Park	405	...	...	4.6	11.6
14	6½	Lionheart	6½	...	...	6.0	14.2
20½	15	Locker (T) A	17	...	...	1.5	∞
152½	74	Lon Intl	93	-4	...	...	...
175½	124½	Lonrho	133½	...	...	3.7	36.6
438	364	Low & Bonar	419 †	...	...	3.1	16.7
49	41	ML Hldgs	46 †	...	...	3.3	15.9
67	49	MS Intl	49	...	...	6.4	29.6
53	45	Abbey Vardey	47	...	...	...	...



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50	39	H Frank Buildgs	40	...	...	2.2	...
511	347	Hempstead	392 †	-6	...	5.3	18.3
205	154	Hs-Ang Li Tong	175 †	...	...	2.3	...
73	52	Hocking Church	60	...	0.5	1.0	...
70	45	MY Holdings	59	...	...	3.2	14.3
271	223	Macfarlane	259 †	...	...	2.0	20.8
539	431	McKechnie	453	-2	...	4.1	21.7
127	100	McLeod Russel	114	...	...	6.7	17.8
104	70	Magnolia	73	...	...	0.2	...
179	129	Mang Bronze	171	...	...	2.6	19.3
26½	18½	Marling	25½	...	...	3.2	46.2
231	166	Mayborn	195 †	...	...	3.8	13.0
64	53	Mayflower	57½	...	...	3.1	23.2
187	120	Medeva	140 †	-1	...	2.6	11.3
120	77½	Meggitt	78½	-1	...	6.4	11.5
120	101	Metalrax	109	...	...	4.2	18.1
128	90	Metrotect	102	...	...	4.2	∞
133	99	Metsec	132	...	...	2.9	18.2
124	79	Midstates	79	-1	...	...	11.0
589	548	Molins	548 †	...	...	3.6	11.0
408	323	Morgan Cble	323	-7	...	5.0	15.4
217	176	Morris Ashby	208 †	...	...	3.6	∞
51	34	Nespsend	38 †	...	...	4.1	17.8
80	42	Nestor-BNA	44 †	...	...	8.9	9.9
274	214	Nobo Gp	237 ↓	...	...	3.2	15.2
212½	119	Norcros	123	+1	...	7.1	22.1
35	29½	Novo Group	30	-1	...	4.6	9.6
64	48	OMI Intl	54½	...	...	4.0	...
175	153	PCT	155 †	...	...	6.0	∞
91	66	Pacer Systems	71	...	...	0.9	23.0
46	31	Pascoe's	41	...	...	...	...
123	84	Pentland	102 †	...	...	3.5	20.2
310	220	Photo-Me	225	-10	...	2.7	∞
208	162	Pilkington	188½	-½	...	2.7	...
53	38	Plant & Gen	51	...	1.5	3.7	∞
185	82	Plasmbrook	173	...	...	2.5	20.4
185	129	Polypipe	140	+1	...	2.1	∞
44	16	Porter Chadbrn	42	+1	...	...	...
341	218	Powerscreen	304	+2	...	3.0	13.6
27½	16½	Prospect Inds	18	...	...	5.7	9.7
77	56	RPS Group	69 †	...	...	4.7	12.4
108	70	Radiant Metal	70	-5	...	...	...
447½	355½	Rank Org	401	+6	...	3.9	25.7
71	13	Ransomes	60	...	...	...	...
723	551	Reckitt Colm	587	-1	...	3.9	14.5
95	70	Record	88	...	...	5.2	19.5
5½	3½	Reece	4	...	...	...	...
291	211	Relyon	255 †	...	...	2.6	46.5
308	268	Renishaw	282	...	...	2.9	35.8
185	126	Renold	183	...	...	1.7	25.4
539½	424	Reuters	465	-1	...	1.8	23.3
90	74	Rexmore	76 †	-2	...	4.1	7.7
194	138	Ricardo Group	155	-2	...	5.0	∞
73	54	Richards (Leics)	54	...	...	5.2	38.7
104½	82½	Richardson West	86 †	...	...	4.7	18.9
164	118½	Ropner	136 †	...	...	6.9	15.4
24	14½	Ross Gp	15	...	...	3.3	...
195	157	Rotork	173 †	...	...	3.2	17.6
190	137	Rubicon	137 †	...	...	4.2	15.5
103	62	Russell (A)	97	...	...	2.9	19.7
42	34½	SEP Indl	38½	...	...	2.9	18.1
1459½	1087½	SKF 'B'	1121½	+15½	...	...	...
272	186	Scapa	212	+1	...	3.5	18.1
210	163	Scholl	163 †	-2	...	4.9	15.6
295	242	Scoda	286	...	...	...	...
1543	1146	Securicor	1465 †	+2	...	0.3	36.3
1069	785	Securicor 'A'	946 †	-4	...	0.4	23.4
892	606	Security Serv	769 †	...	...	0.9	24.4
150½	113	Senior Eng	114	...	...	3.8	18.4
356	291	Seton Health	354	...	...	2.3	18.0
180	138	Shiloh	159	...	...	2.8	10.5
358	280	Sidlaw	298	-6	...	5.2	12.7
638	517	Siebe	549 †	+12	...	2.5	17.2
378	194	Silentnight	217	...	...	4.6	12.4
196	137	Sime Darby	170	-1	...	3.0	∞
130½	75	Simon Eng	103	...	...	...	...
244	186	Sinclair (Wm)	198	...	...	4.4	16.0
73	35	Six Hundred	72	...	...	2.6	...
159½	136½	Smith & Neph	149½	+½	...	4.4	16.0
465½	357½	SmithKline	428 †	+6	...	3.2	16.7
421	322	SmithKline Uts	389 †	+4	...	3.5	15.1
527½	429	Smiths Ind	435	+3	...	3.5	17.4
104	41	Sthn Bus	58	...	...	8.0	9.0
280	155½	Spandex	280	+5	...	1.1	26.1
443	337	Spirax-Sarco	434	-3	...	2.9	20.9
81½	45	Spring Ram	47	-1	...	1.3	...
267	197	Staveley	208	+1	...	5.1	60.8
267	197	Sterling Ind	247	-4	...	3.2	22.2
230	178	Suter	178 ↓	...	...	6.5	17.2
604	447½	Swire Pacific 'A'	504	-4½	...	1.9	∞
178	149	Syltone	168 †	...	...	3.7	18.6
455	[illegible]	TI	[illegible]	[illegible]	...	4.1	19.3
44	31	TLS Range	35	...	...	3.2	...
402	[illegible]	TT Group	[illegible]	+6	...	2.2	∞
292	192	Tace	[illegible]	+2	2.0	...	14.4
852½	686	Takeda Chem	[illegible]	-6	...	0.6	14.4
121	[illegible]	Tinsley (E)	[illegible]	...	...	5.8	19.7
220	192	Titan	[illegible]	...	...	2.7	16.7
263	215	Tomkins	[illegible]	...	...	4.3	13.9
124	74½	Trafalgar H	87	...	...	1.4	...
105	[illegible]	Transfer Tech	[illegible]	...	...	5.8	7.6
163	130	Triplex Lloyd	141	...	...	6.2	∞
318	252	UniChem	[illegible]	...	...	2.7	26.9
440	345	Unitare	[illegible]	...	...	3.4	16.3
54	33	Unitrode	42	...	...	...	...
1347	956	Unilever	1097	+2	25.5	2.9	15.8
8116½	6496½	Unilever (NV)	[illegible]	...	...	3.0	14.4
18½	12	Utd Inds	15½	...	...	...	...
1063	[illegible]	VSEL	975	-5	...	4.3	9.4
31	14½	Vertec	[illegible]	...	...	...	...
204	166	Vickers	[illegible]	...	...	2.5	16.5
327	262	Victaulic	[illegible]	...	...	2.6	14.5
522	451	Vinten	[illegible]	-3	...	2.0	16.6
805	661	Vosper Thorn	[illegible]	...	...	3.1	15.5
65	37	WSP Hldgs	[illegible]	...	...	4.0	34.5
527	451	Wagon Ind	490	-3	...	4.5	24.9
114	97	Walker Greenbk	[illegible]	-1	...	3.6	∞
324	240½	Wassall	[illegible]	-2	...	1.6	24.9
63	44	Watford Waged	[illegible]	...	...	...	49.2
354½	240½	Weir	[illegible]	-7	...	3.2	15.7
731	498	Wellcome	[illegible]	+1	...	3.1	15.7
220	19[illegible]	Wellington Hlg	[illegible]	...	...	3.3	18.9
39½	37½	Wellman	[illegible]	...	...	2.9	62.6
400	294	West Hldg	[illegible]	-2	...	1.6	∞
549	422	Whatman	[illegible]	...	...	3.2	24.5
264	109	Whessoe	[illegible]	...	...	4.6	9.1
147	93	Whitecroft	129	...	...	1.7	21.9
17	10	Widney	[illegible]	...	...	...	...
414½	322	Williams Hldg	[illegible]	...	...	5.0	20.1
57	39½	Wilshaw	56	...	...	1.5	27.6
975	726	Wolseley	[illegible]	+2	...	2.4	16.4
155	155	Wood (Arthur)	155	...	...	2.4	71.2
65	40	Wyko	65	...	...	1.3	∞
96	70	Young (H)	[illegible]	...	...	...	...

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1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1490½	997	Alex & Alex	[illegible]	-6	...	5.4	...
2043½	1663	Am Gen	[illegible]	...	...	4.2	...
86	50½	Amber	52	...	...	2.4	...
165	89	Bradstock	[illegible]	...	...	7.1	11.2
550	370	Britannic	[illegible]	...	...	4.2	...
117	40	CLM Insce	[illegible]	...	1.4	...	...
701½	481½	Coml Union	495	+7	...	[illegible]	[illegible]
1950	1663	Dom & Gen	1695	...	...	2.1	∞
64	33	FAI	[illegible]	...	...	...	...
194	144	Fenchurch Grp	154	...	...	5.5	13.6
757	553	Gen Accident	550	...	...	6.5	8.7
247	161	GRE	[illegible]	...	...	5.5	15.7
457	276	Heath C E	[illegible]	...	...	7.2	...
323	290	Independent	[illegible]	...	...	4.7	[illegible]
289	128	IIB Group	[illegible]	...	...	3.1	[illegible]
547	407	Legal & Gen	447	...	...	5.8	14.6
1375	955	Liberty Life	1317½	...	...	7.9	5.1
119	93	LIMIT	[illegible]	...	...	1.3	∞
471	322	Lloyd Abbey	[illegible]	...	...	6.8	10.3
310	165	Lloyd Thomp	[illegible]	...	...	6.2	∞
185	159	Lombard Ins	[illegible]	...	...	5.2	∞
443	313	London & Man	[illegible]	...	...	6.5	16.0
236	190	Lowndes Lmb	[illegible]	...	...	4.9	12.4
5093½	4862½	Marsh McLn	4862½	...	...	3.6	...
188	147	Nelson Hurst	167	...	...	4.2	16.5
129½	109	Oriel	119	...	...	5.3	∞
85	38	PWS	45	...	...	6.4	...
385	271	Prudential	306	-4	...	5.6	13.0
404	261	Refuge	267	...	...	5.2	19.7
350	232½	Royal	270 †	+5	...	4.7	5.8
222	151	Sedgwick	151 †	-2	...	5.0	17.1
155	105	Steel Burrill	115	-5	...	10.2	...
87	54	Sturge Hldgs	59	...	...	6.4	71.0
418	285	Sun Alliance	315	+6	...	6.1	6.6
96	51	Trade Indemnity	64	...	...	1.8	14.2
464	341	Transatlantic	341 †	...	...	4.4	30.9
673	465	Utd Friendly	525 †	...	...	4.1	27.0
280	234	Jusanyin Intl	252	+2	...	3.0	17.8
440	348	Villa Ceramic	348	-7	...	3.0	18.9
54	35	Vosper Ceramd	37	...	...	...	...
1247	989	Wanden	1003	+8	25.0	3.1	∞
8118½	6781½	Watkinsons	6815½	+9½	...	3.0	∞
245	133	Willis Corroon	149 †	...	...	5.5	14.4
38	20	Windsor	22	...	...	...	17.3

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
336	280	3i	336	...	...	2.4	...
2058	1703	Alliance	1745 †	-8	...	3.4	...
479	401	Anglo & O'seas	418	-2	...	2.1	...
161	123	BZW Conv	127½	-½	...	8.1	∞
219	173	Bankers	183½	-½	...	2.6	...
381	311	Baring Tribne	330	-2	...	2.5	...
248	198	Berry Starq	226	...	2.2	1.2	∞
120½	91½	Br Assets	94 †	...	...	5.7	...
98	89	Br Empire Sec	94½	-½	...	1.2	...
46	31	Br Empire Wts	39	...	...	...	...
234	188	Br Inv	201	...	...	3.0	...
272	221	Brunner	239	-1	...	2.8	...
223	194	Contl Asset	202	...	...	1.9	...
173	147	Derby Inc	160	...	...	12.3	...
328	268	Derby Cap	285	-3	...	...	...
100	73	Drayton Blue	79	...	...	13.3	...
111	84	Drytn Eng Intl	96	+1	...	1.0	...
156	128	Drytn Far East	142 †	-1	...	0.6	...
784	613	Dunedin Inc G	643 †	...	...	5.1	...
108	85	Dunedin Japan	92	-½	...	...	...
80	45	Dunedin Wts	50	...	...	...	...
341	292	Dunedin Smlr	320	-1	...	3.5	...
827	725	Dunedin Wwde	774½	-1	...	1.5	...
360	281	Edinburgh	302	+½	...	3.6	...
354	286	Electra Inv	317	-1	...	2.8	...
220	185	Electric Gen	193½	...	...	2.1	...
127	106	English Scot	112	...	...	...	...
345	286	European Asset	314	...	...	1.9	...
172	146	Finsbury 'A'	161	...	3.0	2.3	...
343	276½	Fleming Amer	296	+½	...	0.4	...
145	75½	Fleming Chinese	82½	-1	...	...	...
92	42	Fleming Wts	42½	-2	...	...	...
267	196	Fleming Claver	207 †	...	...	3.3	...
385	305	Fleming Contl	331	-2	...	0.8	...
264	190	Fleming Exp	206 †	...	...	2.9	...
459	327	Fleming F East	366	...	1.5	0.5	...
422	359½	Fleming Fledg	369 †	...	...	1.0	...
120	89	Fleming Hi Inc	94 †	-2	...	5.9	...
284	223	Fleming Japan	262	...	...	0.2	...
347	269½	Fleming Merc	290 †	+½	...	2.9	...
347½	280½	Fleming Oseas	269	...	...	1.9	...
155½	126½	Foreign & Col	135 †	...	...	1.7	...
148	106½	Frgn Emg Mkts	133½	...	0.2	0.3	...
77	64½	Frgn Enterprise	77½	...	...	1.0	...
261	216	Frgn Eurotst	233	-1	...	0.7	...
145	116	Frgn German	122	-1	...	0.5	...
374	307	Frgn Pacific	325	-2	...	0.9	...
192	159½	Frgn Smaller	171½	...	...	1.4	...
303	247	GT Japan	252	-1	...	0.6	∞
200	150	Genl Cons Cap	176	...	...	...	...
140	115½	Genl Inc	108 †	...	...	10.1	...
191	139	Govett Am Smlr	144	...	...	...	...
151	101	Gov Emg Mkts	127 †	-3	...	0.2	...
96½	80	Gov Glob Smlr	86½	...	...	...	...
112	79	Govett High Inc	79 †	...	...	7.0	...
429	349	Govett Oriental	396	-2	...	0.3	...
346	290	Govett Strategic	341	-1	...	3.5	...
475	410	Greenfriar	426	...	...	2.0	...
19	10	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
105	86	Herald	90	...	...	...	...
99	92	Inv Biotech	94	...	...	...	...
50	30	Int Wts	41	...	...	...	...
158	122	Inv Cap	127	-1	...	5.1	...
119	94	IRS UK Smlr	107	...	...	3.3	...
177	126	INVESCO Korea	145	+1	...	...	...
243	196½	Kleinwort Chrt	204½	-½	...	3.1	...
88½	75½	Klnwt Euro Pvt	78½	+½	...	...	...
49	23½	Klnwt Euro Wts	29½	-1	...	...	...
227½	232½	Klnwt O'seas	258 †	...	...	1.8	...
165	134	Klnwt Smlr	137	-2	...	2.0	...
826	672	Law Debenture	756 †	...	...	3.2	...
227	190	Majedie	202	+½	...	3.1	...
324	237	Merchants	256	-1	...	5.5	...
90	79½	Mercury Euro Pv	82½	+½	...	...	...
45	28½	Mercury Wts	30½	-1	...	...	...
125	98	Merc Wld Mg	110	+1½	...	...	...
52½	35	Mercury Wld Wts	40½	+½	...	...	...
2987½	2250	Merrill Lynch	2267½	+18½	...	...	...
595	492	Monks Inv Tst	529	+1	...	1.7	...
156	127	Morg Gren Inc	131	...	...	4.3	...
64	43	Morg Wts	50	...	...	...	...
111	67	Morg Latn Amer	107½	...	...	...	...
62	39	Morg Wts	61½	...	...	...	...
149	114	Murray Ent	122	...	...	2.1	...
56	34	Murray Wts	39	...	...	...	...
66	54	Murray Euro	61	...	...	0.6	...
[illegible]	16	Murray Wts	17	...	...	...	...
345	317	Murray Income	328	-1	...	4.5	...
362	319	Murray Intl	336	+1	...	4.7	...
546	424	Murray Small	496	...	...	1.1	...
97	82	Murray S/C Inc	88 †	...	...	15.1	...
174	135	Murray S/C Cap	147	...	...	...	...
3400	2925	Murray S/C Uts	3050 †	...	...	4.3	...
162	153	Murray S/C DP	156½	...	...	...	...
363	324	Murray Vent	325	-6	...	4.5	∞
55	41	Nthbrg Inc	44	...	...	9.3	...
404	333	Oseas Inv Tst	337	-2	...	3.1	...
241	179	Oseas Wts	207	...	...	...	...
640½	453	Pacific Assets	529	-5	...	1.5	...
542	335	Pacific Wts	436	-6	...	...	...
9400	7900	Personal Assets	8500	...	195	2.9	...
189	168	RIT Cap Ptnr	175	...	...	1.1	...
127	112½	River & Merc	113 †	...	...	10.2	...
449	413	Robeco	440	...	...	2.9	...
463	415	Rolinco	442	...	...	1.8	...
342	290	St Andrew Inv	325 †	...	...	3.1	...
183	150	Scot American	160 †	...	...	3.[illegible]	...
369	238	Scot Asian	299	...	...	...	...
1070	663	Scot Wts	900	-5	...	...	...
97½	77	Scot Eastern	80 †	...	...	2.5	...
262½	209½	Scottish	218	...	...	2.8	∞
264½	225	Scottish Mtge	230	...	...	3.3	...
137½	111½	Scottish Value	112	...	...	2.2	...
1745	1520	Second Allnce	1560 †	-5	...	3.4	∞
106	77½	Secs Tst of Scot	83½	...	...	4.9	...
170	148	Selective Asset	160	...	...	3.1	...
51	41	Sphere Inc	43	...	...	4.9	...
206	144	TR Far East	168 †	...	...	3.9	...
177½	133½	TR City of Lon	141	...	...	4.7	...
124½	86	TR Pacific	113	...	...	3.2	...
43½	32	TR Property	32½	...	...	3.4	...
152	113	TR Tech Inv	118	...	...	1.9	...
229	182	TR Strat Cos	195½	...	...	2.4	...
412	310	Temple Bar	340 †	-2	...	5.0	...
135	102	Thmtn Asian E	113	-1	...	0.6	...
161	72½	Throgmorton	79½	...	...	3.6	...
569	466	Throg Dual Cp	503	-2	...	...	...
259	233	USDC Invest	245 †	-1	...	2.3	...
129	109½	Value Inc Tst	113	...	...	4.4	...
257½	205	Witan	225	-1	...	3.2	...

LEISURE

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
578½	417	Airtours	439	...	...	2.6	15.2
46½	19	Ald Leis	25	...	...	16.7	7.5
177	155	Alpha Airpts	162	...	...	3.1	∞
131	95	Baldwin	116 †	...	...	3.6	20.0
333	267	Barr & W 'A'	277 †	...	...	4.5	11.5
365	221	Boosey Hwk	345	-5	...	1.8	20.1
205	133	Border TV	197	...	...	2.5	16.5
7½	3½	Brent Walker	4	...	...	...	...
173	130	Bristol Scots	173	+3	...	...	...
7½	2½	Buckingham Intl	3	...	...	...	...
74	36	Campari	36	...	...	...	...
439	326	Capital Radio	363	...	...	2.0	33.8
564½	397	Carlton Comm	803	-11	...	3.0	17.7
375	248	Castle Comm	360	...	...	1.6	∞
213	114	Chrysalis	206	...	3.2	2.0	...
774	305	Compass Gp	330	-1	...	2.7	18.8
291	232	Eurocamp	270	...	9.9	4.6	31.1
213	92	Euro Disney	105	...	...	...	...
4	2	Euro Leisure	3½	...	...	...	...
455	308	Fairline Boats	454	-1	...	3.3	31.6
120	61	First Choice	119	...	...	7.7	...
350	262	First Leisure	286 †	...	...	3.1	17.7
475	309	Flextech	425	...	...	...	...
1037	675	GWR Gp	913 †	...	...	1.4	33.0
356	226	Grampian	353	-3	...	2.7	15.9
172	106	HTV Group	159	-5	...	0.2	43.9
96	62	Hi-Tec Sports	76	...	...	4.4	11.6
15½	11½	Kunick	15½	...	...	...	...
262	200	London Clubs	250	-1	...	6.0	12.7
702	579	Man Utd	663	...	...	3.7	25.6
15	13½	My Kinda Town	13½	...	...	...	...
61	54	Northern	55½	-1½	...	2.3	10.7
102	65½	The Pelican Gp	100	-1	...	1.4	∞
183	135	Prism Leisure	155	...	...	3.9	9.5
43	28	Quadrant Grp	30	-1	...	...	...
279	205	Ramsdens (H)	274 †	-1	...	2.1	41.2
628	395	Scott Radio	595	...	...	2.2	23.2
574	395	Scot TV	493	-5	...	3.1	22.0
40½	22	SelecTV	24	...	...	...	...
350	296½	Stanley Leisure	337	-1	...	1.9	19.0
153	125	Sunset & Vine	129	...	3.5	2.4	19.7
345½	280	Tanjong	280	...	...	1.1	∞
167	75	Tottenham Hot	149	+15	...	0.8	39.7
760	518	Ulster TV	720 †	...	...	3.0	27.0
150	129	VCI	149	...	...	4.6	13.3
149	112	Vardon	121	-1	...	1.2	21.4
392	180	Yorkshire TV	389	-1	...	...	...
141	110	Zetters Gp	141 †	+4½	...	7.5	∞

MINING

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3562½	2509½	Ang Am	3506½	-12½	...	2.0	32.8
3550	1762½	Ang Am Coal	3487½	-6½	...	2.6	18.9
7181½	4593½	Ang Am Gold	6915½	-21½	...	3.5	20.4
36	25½	Anglo Pac Res	25½	...	...	...	...
1512½	1196½	Ashanti	1237½	+15½	...	...	...
404	275	Bakyrchik	314	+9	...	...	...
184	97½	Blyvoors	155½	+4½	...	...	...
37	14½	Bracken	15½	...	...	5.7	...
898	580½	Buffels	801	+16½	...	6.8	∞
6	2½	Butte	3½	...	...	...	...
968	745½	CRA	886	-12	...	2.4	28.1
55½	36	Cluff Res	49	...	...	...	...
130	28½	Coal Inv	117	...	...	...	...
1750	1318½	De Beers	1550	+25	...	3.4	16.2
148	88	Deelkraal	117½	+½	...	3.1	10.2
78½	30½	Doornfontein	78½	...	...	...	...
1018½	665½	Driefontein	1003½	+1½	...	4.3	14.6
928	549½	Durban	809	+24½	...	...	...
209½	107	E Rand Gold	203½	+15½	...	8.8	7.6
125½	59½	E Rand Prop	91½	...	...	...	...
491½	300½	Elandsrand	491½	+½	...	3.3	11.3
1239	741½	FS Cons	1058½	-6½	...	6.6	10.8
82	22	FS Dev	82	-3	...	...	...
1918½	1193½	GFSA	1918½	-43½	...	2.0	∞
210½	108½	Gencor	209½	-½	...	1.3	∞
89½	53½	GM Kalgoorli	63	-2	...	2.2	23.7
22	14	Greenwich R 'A'	21½	+½	...	...	...
202	105½	Grootvlei	182½	+½	...	4.9	∞
563½	319½	Harmony	563½	+½	...	...	...
430	268½	Hartles	373	+½	...	7.7	10.8
1446½	831½	Impala Plat	1446½	+12½	...	1.7	44.3
1315½	890½	Kinross	1162½	+37½	...	4.2	∞
1031	568½	Kloof	1031	-21	...	3.1	10.6
137	69½	Leslie	120½	+9½	...	6.7	∞
261½	176½	Loraine	258½	-2½	...	...	...
1137½	887½	Lydenburg	1137½	...	...	2.0	∞
162	118	MIM	139	...	...	1.7	...
1762½	1227	Minorco	1650	+37½	...	2.2	∞
301½	146½	Nth Brkn Hill	175	+2	...	2.4	26.2
899	790	RTZ	885	+6	...	2.9	25.0
500	187½	Rand Mines	462½	...	...	2.3	17.5
825	547½	Randfontein	785	+1	...	4.1	∞
295	207	Renison	258	-3	...	...	...
1809½	1078½	Rustnbrg	1809½	+50	...	1.6	∞
756	539½	St Helena	733½	+16½	...	3.6	∞
2887½	1484½	Southvaal	2059½	+21½	...	4.2	23.6
137½	73	Stilfontein	135½	+½	...	19.9	∞
261½	90	Unisel	220½	+6	...	2.0	∞
7600	4943½	Vaal Reefs	6946½	+200	...	3.7	11.3
1051½	508½	Western Areas	1011½	+1½	...	7.1	∞
3362½	2050	Western Deep	3125	+18½	...	3.3	10.7
398	300½	Wstrn Mining	386	+2	...	1.0	∞
1225	603½	Winkels	871½	+15½	...	4.1	∞
66	50	Zambia Copper	59	...	...	...	...
68	48	Zandpan	65	...	...	7.6	13.2

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
283	233	Abbey Panels	278	...	...	...	...
140	108	Airflow Stream	140	...	3.0	2.7	21.1
175	118	Appleyard	118 †	...	...	6.1	20.8
405	266	Bletchley Mtr	275 †	...	...	4.8	11.3
306	180	Bostrom	306	...	...	2.5	17.3
584	390	Br Aerospace	463	+18	...	2.5	40.3
57	42	Burndene	42	...	...	6.0	12.2
465	280	Caffyns	325	...	...	4.4	21.9
22	13½	Caverdale	15½	-½	...	1.2	15.7
130	98	Central Mtr	99 †	...	...	4.4	34.5
51	32½	Cook (DC)	43 †	...	...	2.9	∞
348	226	Cowie	226	-1	...	4.5	11.1
192½	127	Dag Motors	153	...	...	5.4	17.4
156	113	Dawnpr Vern	156	...	...	2.6	15.5
332	275	ERF	321	+1	...	0.8	...
234	215	Eurodollar	215	...	...	4.9	16.8
173	114	European Mtr	125 ↓	...	...	4.2	13.1
539½	399	Evans Halshaw	415 †	...	...	4.3	13.0
310	235	FR Group	294	-1	...	3.2	16.1
2359½	1743½	Ford Motor	1743½	-6½	...	...	...
4387½	3093½	General Mtr	3093½	-43½	...	1.6	...
90	60	Gowrings	76 †	...	...	3.3	23.1
342½	266½	Henlys	286 †	...	...	3.3	15.3
1239	918½	Honda Motor	1061	+½	...	0.4	...
68	35	Jacks (Wm)	63	...	...	...	21.9
184	145	Kwik-Fit	157	...	...	3.2	17.8
573	364	Lex Service	364	-2	...	4.6	13.9
282	162	Lookers	214 †	-2	...	4.0	13.3
239	158	Lucas	192	-1	...	4.6	...
29½	24	Malaya Grp	24 #	...	...	1.3	...
310	239	Pendragon	239 †	-4	...	3.9	17.0
238	172	Perry Gp	172	-1	...	5.2	9.3
218	153	Quicks Group	154 †	-1	...	4.3	16.2
204	161	Rolls-Royce	178 †	+2	...	3.5	31.4
261	203	T & N	226 †	+1	...	6.0	14.7
333	263	Trinity Hldgs	330	...	...	2.3	23.9
221	163	Vardy (Reg)	166 †	...	...	3.5	15.7

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
355	198	Adscene	294 †	...	...	2.8	21.0
345	330	Black (A&C)	345	...	...	4.9	14.6
402	213	Blenheim Gp	233	+3	...	5.6	8.6
413	365	Bristol	376	...	...	4.1	26.0
1650	1100	Daily Mail	1350	...	...	1.4	31.6
1484½	898½	Daily Mail 'A'	968½	...	...	2.0	22.7
314	260	Dorling Kind	296	...	...	1.4	36.8
6712½	5381½	Elsevier	5865½	-12½	...	3.3	19.0
469	361½	EMAP	374 †	...	...	2.9	23.2
1975	1450	Euromoney Pb	1805	-15	...	2.8	31.8
194	32	Harrington K	65 †	...	...	5.2	∞
515	328	Haynes Pub	443 †	...	...	2.5	∞
408	340	Hodder H'line	350	...	...	1.8	57.0
180	120	Home Counts	175 †	...	...	3.6	42.9
237	161	Intl Bus Comm	230 †	...	...	1.9	15.2
15	8	Int Cm & Dan	10	...	...	...	...
340	273½	Independent	296 †	...	...	3.5	10.1
669	551	Johnstone Press	623	...	...	1.5	22.8
110	43	MAID	61	...	...	...	...
492	338	Metal Bulletn	484 †	...	...	2.9	25.2
177½	134	Midland Ind	134	-1	...	2.6	18.2
203	123	Mirror Gp	138	...	...	0.9	7.2
514½	392½	News Corp	388 †	+4	...	0.4	∞
314	224	News Intl	230 †	-6	...	0.8	∞
735	555	Pearson	555 †	-4	...	3.0	19.1
760	620	Portsmth Sund	647	...	...	2.0	16.7
964	722	Reed Int	728 †	+6	...	3.3	22.0
249	187	Southnews	229	...	...	1.6	30.0
300	143	Sterling Pub	146 †	...	...	3.1	12.5
622	321	Telegraph	339 †	...	...	4.8	12.0
815	695	Thomson Corp	735	...	30.1	5.1	36.7
472	394	Trinity Intl	404 †	...	...	3.1	20.0
46	16½	Unit Group	36	...	...	...	...
731	479	Utd Newsppts	500	+2	...	5.8	13.5

OILS, GAS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
39½	24½	Aran Energy	34	...	...	...	20.6
53	35	Arcon Intl	45	...	...	...	...
74½	59	Ass Oil & Gas	62½	-1½	...	...	...
67	43	Aviva Pet	46	...	...	...	...
9	6	Beverley	6½ #	...	...	...	84.6
249	197	Br Borneo	217 †	...	...	4.1	10.2
358	253	British Gas	307	+3	...	6.0	...
430	340	Br Petroleum	402 †	-4	...	2.9	22.0
3½	1½	Bula Resources	3½ #	...	...	...	...
919	811	Burmah Castrl	871	-7	...	4.0	17.1
84	36	Cairn Energy	76	+1	...	...	41.8
375	261	Calor Gp	286	...	...	5.4	14.0
51	33	Clyde Pet	38 †	-1	...	1.2	...
30	13	Copiex Res	13½	+½	...	...	...
2½	1½	Dragon Oil	1½	+½	...	...	...
27½	17	Edn Oil & Gs	21½	...	...	...	23.2
486	379	Enterprise	389 †	-4	...	5.1	...
26½	21	Fairhaven Intl	22½	...	...	5.4	9.2
8½	4½	Fortune	6	...	...	...	...
77	54	Goal Pet	67½	-½	...	2.7	22.4
46	31	Gt Western Res	42	...	...	...	...
177	137	Hardy O & G	137	-2	...	0.9	17.5
55	40	Kelt Energy	51	...	...	3.5	...
169	110½	Lasmo	154	...	...	0.8	...
73	53	Lasmo Units	59	...	7.8	17.6	...
75	55	Monument	69½	-1½	...	...	74.3
7½	4	New London	4½	...	...	...	...
50	36	Oil Search	43	...	...	...	...
59½	17½	Perenco	38½	-1	...	...	...
165	123	Pict Pet	[illegible]	-1½	...	...	...
111	110	Pittencrieff R	[illegible]	...	...	...	...
32½	21½	Premier	25½	...	...	...	14.2
156	114	Presidio	[illegible]	...	...	3.2	...
282	129	Ramco Ex	227	+1	...	6.2	...
463	377	Ranger	405	...	...	5.0	...
7700	6661½	Royal Dtch	[illegible]	-75	...	4.7	...
4094½	3412½	Schlumberger	3625	+12	...	2.2	...
65	30	Seafield	61	...	...	...	...
756	651	Shell	[illegible]	-5	...	4.5	[illegible]
197	129	Sunrise Exp	129	...	...	...	...
15	6½	Villers Grp	[illegible]	...	...	...	...
257	179½	Woodside	217	-2	...	1.7	...
110	25	XCL	[illegible]	-3	...	...	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
194	145	AG Holdings	147	...	...	4.5	13.3
444	369	API	369	-2	...	3.9	22.2
356	277	Arjo Wiggins	285 †	...	...	3.1	...
730	560	Assoc Media	677	...	...	2.0	75.6
33	17	Aegis Gp	26	...	...	...	...
356	145	Aspen Comm	166 †	...	...	3.7	...
36	16	BBB Design	20	...	...	...	30.2
472	346	Bemrose	395	-5	...	3.9	14.1
15½	6½	Birkdale	6½	...	...	...	...
186	139	Bunzl	166	+4	...	3.1	24.3
169	137½	CIA Gp	141 †	...	...	1.5	22.9
198	127	Capital Inds	157	...	...	3.0	14.7
36	30½	Chime Comm	31	...	...	...	...
98	76	Clr of Lon	80	-2	...	6.1	17.2
439	304	Cropper (James)	319	...	...	1.4	10.6
114	80	Delyn Group	82	...	...	2.5	15.1
137	104	Dolphin Pack	123	...	...	4.6	15.5
63	71	Dorcw Jenkns	72 †	...	...	6.7	[illegible]
17½	12	Elswick	17	...	...	...	...
161	75	Fairway Group	92 †	...	...	4.7	17.2
430	337	Ferguson Intl	377	...	...	4.6	14.3
145	126	Fenn Print	129	...	...	5.6	...
227	166	Filofax	210 †	...	...	1.9	[illegible]
17	6	Fitch	12	...	...	...	...
169	132	Gibbon Lyons	129 †	...	...	4.9	[illegible]
275	171	Gold Greenlees	176 †	...	...	3.2	∞
34	23	Goodhead	25	...	...	0.2	∞
30	3	Hunterprint	5	...	...	...	...
162	126	Intereurope	130	...	...	3.6	11.7
291	245	Jarvis Porter	274	...	...	2.3	26.0
33½	22	Lopex	26	...	...	2.2	27.4
411	344	More O'Ferrall	375	-4	...	4.4	[illegible]
423	350	Osborne & Little	410	...	...	2.0	[illegible]
60	32	Osprey Comms	37	...	...	0.7	...
820	517	Portals	712	-11	...	2.4	19.1
3	½	Premier Hlth	2	...	...	...	...
339	260	Quarto	262	...	...	2.4	[illegible]
412	322	St Ives Gp	350	...	...	2.1	34.5
178	127	Saatchi	160	-4	...	...	71.2
902½	464½	Sappi	832½	-½	...	12.2	5.1
30	15	Senf	15½	...	...	...	...
57	25½	Shandwick	31	...	...	1.1	[illegible]
573	398	Smith David	541	...	...	2.2	[illegible]
439	256	Smurfit Jeff	425	-5	...	3.2	...
119	86	Somic	85	...	...	3.7	9.1
354	202	Stat-Plus	222	...	...	[illegible]	...
47½	25½	Taylor Nelson	35½	...	...	2.0	23.1
161	118½	VTR	133	...	...	3.9	21.1
36½	25	WMGO	29	...	...	2.4	13.0
129	63½	WPP	113	-2	...	1.1	∞
270	152	Wace	246	-2	...	2.6	[illegible]
291	239	Waddington (J)	235	...	...	4.7	11.1
511	366	Watmough	506	-1	...	2.3	23.2
45	29	Whitney Mck	42	...	...	...	...
132	95	Wyndeham	129	...	...	2.2	16.7

PROPERTY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
130	99	Allied Lon	108	...	...	4.2	14.5
49	36	Arcadian	42	...	...	...	...
276	253	Argent	270	...	...	...	...
10½	3½	Ascot Hldgs	3½	...	...	...	...
144	109	Asda	116	-1	...	2.3	29.6
191	113	Avonside	130 †	...	...	4.2	17.3
2575	2096½	BCE	2296½	-15½	...	...	...
362½	256	Bilton	262	...	...	4.6	14.1
106	72	Bourne End	91	...	...	1.4	...
276	198	Bradford	198	...	...	4.1	13.6
474	360	Br Land	366	+1	...	2.6	32.2
127	121	Brighstone	121	...	...	3.9	27.4
256	179	Brixton	182	-1	...	5.5	15.6
118	90½	Burford	93 †	...	...	2.1	30.2
112	105	CLS Hldgs	109	...	...	0.5	...
207	125½	Cap & Regnl	155	...	...	1.2	61.1
229	191	Cap Shop Ctrs	196	-1	...	4.1	17.7
325	230	Cardiff Prop	233	...	...	1.5	52.1
185	152	Chelsfield	163	...	...	1.9	41.0
678	525	Chesterfield	525	...	...	2.4	23.5
112	99	Chesterton Intl	101	-2	...	4.1	14.2
84	36	Cty Site Ests	62	-1	...	...	...
12½	7½	Clarke Nickolls	7½	...	...	...	15.7
350	285	Compco	310	...	...	5.5	∞
56	32	Conrad Rblai GS	34 †	...	...	1.6	∞
1755	1458	Daejan	1460 †	...	...	2.5	17.0
25½	5	Dares Estates	10	...	...	...	...
156	103	Debenham Twsn	114	...	...	3.8	18.5
17	6	De Morgan	8	...	...	...	...
159	161	Dencora	166	...	...	3.5	40.6
347½	261	Derwent Hldgs	261	...	...	2.2	23.3
41	21	Development Sec	21	...	...	...	...
51	45	Dwyer	50	-1	...	...	...
460	275	Estates Agency	370 †	...	...	3.5	44.7
47	18	Estates Gen	26½	...	...	...	...
132	100	Evans Of Leeds	115	-1	...	2.8	20.1
43½	27	Ex-Lands	28	...	...	1.6	...
80	68	Fiscal Prop	70	...	...	...	...
37	24	Five Oaks	26½	...	...	0.9	...
78	56	Fletcher King	56 †	...	...	3.3	27.8
536	407	Frogmore	426	...	...	4.8	18.8
325	228	Grainger	260	...	...	2.6	46.5
260	174	Gt Portland	176	-1	...	5.7	23.5
22½	12½	Greycoat	13½	+½	...	...	...
369	149	HK Land	156½	-½	...	4.1	∞
94	43	Hambro Cntyw	48	+1	...	0.7	46.8
435	321	Hammerson	325	+2	...	3.8	32.6
390	298	Helical Bar	357	...	...	2.0	14.3
40½	29	Hemingway	33	...	...	1.5	56.7
78	37	Herring Baker	48	...	...	3.9	...
315	138	Jermyn	169	...	...	...	32.9
792	588	Land Sec	605	-10	...	5.0	17.2
122	89	Lon Merch Sec	92	...	...	5.7	13.6
16	8½	Lon & Metro	8½	...	...	...	0.4
562	409	MEPC	433	+9	...	5.8	34.9
13½	6	McInerney A	6	...	...	...	...
190	164	McKay Secs	181 †	-2	...	5.6	17.9
85	59	Merivale Mre	84	...	...	5.0	∞
55	27	Moorfield Est	33 †	...	...	3.8	...
1425	1200	Mountview	1231½	...	...	2.3	12.2
196	154	Mucklow (A&J)	161	-1	...	4.8	23.4
50	30	OEM	30	...	...	...	...
64	37	Olives Prop	37	...	...	...	13.8
191	148	PSIT	154 †	...	...	3.8	21.8
399	255	Peel	255 †	-2	...	2.2	∞
162	153	Power Corp	154	...	...	3.0	...
9½	5	Premier Land	5½	...	...	...	...
53	32	Raglan	34½	...	...	...	12.6
40	27	Regalian	27	...	...	...	10.2
180	140	Rowlinson Secs	170	...	...	1.3	10.8
134	109	Rugby Est	109	...	...	2.6	...
64	45	St Modwen Prp	52	...	...	2.9	13.0
78	59	Savile Grdn (J)	61 †	...	...	5.5	∞
100	73	Savills	73	...	...	3.9	∞
108	82	Scot Met	97	+1	...	2.3	...
135	101	Shaftesbury	101	...	...	...	...
17½	8	Shield	8	...	...	...	4.2
307	221	Slough Estates	230 †	+3	...	4.4	49.2
103	59	Southend Prop	61 †	...	...	4.9	...
50	23	Stanhope Prps	26	...	...	...	...
39	34	TBI	38	...	...	...	2.1
144	177	Tops Ests	177 †	...	...	1.6	42.2
163	119	Town Centre	123	...	...	3.6	22.0
107	91	Trafford Park	94	...	...	4.3	∞
58	28	UK Land	48	...	...	...	...
317	220	Warner	221 †	...	...	6.3	21.3
260	218	Warnford	230 †	...	...	4.2	19.0
7½	1½	Waterglade	2½	...	...	...	...
103½	6½	Wates	67	...	...	...	...
105	68	Wood John D	68	...	...	3.7	∞

SHOES, LEATHER

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
45	31	Automagic	39	...	...	5.6	21.5
173	164	Chamb Phipps	164	...	...	6.1	13.3
202½	143	Lambert	143	...	...	3.1	...
75	53	Pittards	72	+2	...	3.1	...
26	19	Strong & Fisher	23	...	...	5.4	15.7
253	227	Stylo	253 †	-1	...	2.0	24.3
69	50½	UK Safety	55	...	...	6.0	11.3

TEXTILES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
617	488	Allied Text	501 †	-5	...	3.3	15.4
71	51	Beckman (A)	52	...	...	8.6	11.1
39½	15½	Bolton Gp	18	...	...	...	...
226	171	Br Mohair	200	...	...	5.3	27.0
385	292	Claremont Ga	300 †	-1	...	3.1	16.7
593	451	Courtauld Text	487	-6	...	2.7	19.1
159½	119	Dawson	135	-½	...	2.8	...
42	28	Drummond	29	...	...	...	12.9
80	72	Faupel	77	...	...	8.0	13.0
29	18	Foster (John)	18	...	...	...	...
168	113	Gaskell	149 †	...	...	3.6	...
33	25½	Helene Plc	27½	...	...	9.1	11.3
263	222	Hickling Pntcst	250	...	...	3.3	17.7
73	55	Jerome (S)	65	+1	...	1.6	32.7
445	364	Lamont	364	-2	...	4.3	13.9
340	265	Leeds	291	-1	...	2.6	14.6
101	68	Lyles (S)	86	...	...	4.0	...
266	161	Parkland	181	...	...	3.5	10.5
112	80	Readicut	81	...	...	5.3	13.9
70	47	SEET	53	...	...	...	...
146	100	Sirdar	105	...	...	6.7	∞
64	50	Stirling Gp	60 †	-1	...	4.0	10.6
46	33	Stoddard	33	...	...	6.1	12.4
330	215	Tomkinsons	215	...	...	6.7	20.2
49	34	West Trust	35 †	...	...	6.9	24.5
289	239	Yorklyde	278	...	...	2.7	13.5

TOBACCOS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
570	372	BAT	416 †	+4	...	6.2	14.4
489	337	Rothmans	411	...	...	4.0	21.9

TRANSPORT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
313½	228	Assoc Br Ports	264	-6	...	2.3	20.9
541½	440	BAA	475	+6	...	2.4	20.2
128	107½	Badgerline	115	...	...	4.5	...
409½	364½	Br Airways	366	-1	...	3.8	11.5
108	75	Clarkson (H)	95	...	...	2.3	23.9
592½	359	Eurotunnel Uts	270	...	...	...	...
87	50	Fisher (James)	50	...	...	...	...
155	128½	IoM Steam	137	-3	...	4.1	10.3
63	39	Jacobs (JI)	47 †	...	...	4.4	...
111	90	Lon O'Seas Frts	90 †	...	...	5.3	21
534	380	Mersey Docks	415 †	...	...	2.8	20.1
347	245	Natl Express	323	-1	...	3.0	19.9
291	157	NFC	162 †	+1	...	5.4	24.9
348	246	Ocean Group	258 †	-2	...	6.9	13.0
91	58	Ocean Wilson	75	...	...	5.5	9.6
743	597	P & O Dfd	634 †	-3	...	0.0	19.0
194	153	P & O 5.5%	193	-1	...	3.5	...
705	549	Powell Duffryn	573	...	...	5.1	16.2
102	84	Seacon	94 †	-3	...	3.1	21.4
210	156	Stagecoach	209 †	...	...	2.5	20.8
131	89½	TNT	111	-2	...	...	...
915	760	Tibbet & Britn	760	-8	...	2.4	30.3
79	27	Tiphook	35	...	...	...	...
327	210	TDG	210 †	...	...	5.7	14.1
136	98	Upland	136 †	...	...	0.7	∞
160	95	Utd Carriers	101 †	...	...	2.0	...

WATER

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
607	442	Anglian	531 †	+1	...	5.4	13.5
365	290	Mid Kent Hdgs	330	...	...	4.4	11.1
751	508	Northumbrian	671 †	...	...	4.5	7.2
611	454	North West	524 †	-4	...	5.5	7.8
645	457	Severn Trent	536 †	-2	...	5.3	7.5
682	466	Southern	565 †	-10	...	5.1	8.2
1740	1526	South Staffs	1740	...	...	3.7	11.5
675	484	South West	527	-5½	...	6.0	7.6
611	434½	Thames	499	-1	...	5.6	8.6
744	546	Welsh	641 †	-8	...	5.0	7.1
759½	551	Wessex	601 †	-3	...	4.9	8.0
630	458	Yorkshire	522 †	-1	...	5.5	7.7

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BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
103	100½	Treas 9% 1994	100½	...	8.96	5.44
107	102	Treas 12% 1995	102	...	11.76	5.74
98	97½	Gas 3% 1990-95	98	...	3.05	5.83
107	102	Exch 10¼% 1995	102	...	9.98	6.74
113½	105	Treas 12¾% 1995	105	...	12.04	7.13
117	108	Treas 14% 1996	108	...	12.96	7.41
121	111	Treas 15¼% 1996	111½	+	13.72	7.69
117	108	Exch 13¼% 1996	108	+	12.25	7.79
112	103	Conv 10% 1996	103	+	9.65	8.04
121	110	Treas 13¼% 1997	110	+	12.01	8.22
114	104½	Exch 10½% 1997	104	+	10.03	8.25
110	100	Treas 8¾% 1997	100	+	8.69	8.42
131	116	Exch 15% 1997	116	+	12.82	8.60
114	102	Exch 9¾% 1998	102	-	9.47	8.66
106	95½	Treas 7¼% 1998	95	+	7.56	8.63
102	93	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	94	+	7.17	8.65
131	115	Treas 14% 1998-01	115	+	12.10	8.83
140	122	Treas 15½% 1998	122	+	12.66	8.72
125	110	Exch 12% 1998	110	+	10.85	8.84
110	101	Treas 9½% 1999	102	+	9.29	8.83

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
101	88	Treas 6% 1999	89	+	6.73	8.75
128	111	Exch 12¼% 1999	112½	+	10.93	8.91
121	105	Treas 10½% 1999	105	+	9.92	8.89
121	104	Conv 10¼% 1999	105	+	9.75	8.94
116	99	Conv 9% 2000	100	+	8.97	8.90
138	116	Treas 13% 2000	117	+	11.09	9.07
100	88	Treas 7% 2001	89	+	7.82	8.96
122	103	Treas 10% 2001	104	+	9.61	9.10
123	102	Treas 9¾% 2002	103	+	9.44	9.13
113	93	Treas 8% 2003	93	+	8.52	9.01
127	104	Treas 10% 2003	105	+	9.48	9.06
139	109	Treas 11½% 2001-04	110	+	10.42	9.31
86	69	Fund 3½% 1999-04	70	+	4.96	7.85
105	84	Treas 6¾% 2004	85	+	7.88	8.90
125	101	Conv 9½% 2004	103	+	9.21	9.02
125	102	Conv 9½% 2005	103	-	9.19	8.98
145	118	Treas 12½% 2003-05	119	+	10.48	9.31
111	91	Treas 8% 2002-06	92	+	8.61	8.97
112	90	Treas 7¾% 2006	91	+	8.47	8.90
136	112	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	113	+	10.33	9.31
119	95	Treas 8½% 2007	96	+	8.77	8.89
151	124	Treas 13½% 2004-08	126	+	10.71	9.31
124	98	Treas 9% 2008	100	+	8.92	8.87

LONGS (over 15 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
115	91	Treas 8% 2009	92	+	8.61	8.86
120	100	Conv 9% 2011	101	+	8.86	8.80
127	100	Treas 9% 2012	101	+	8.85	8.70
93	71	Treas 5½% 2008-12	72	+	7.61	8.54
114	89	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	90	+	8.55	8.73
117	92	Treas 8% 2013	93	+	8.60	8.75
159	129	Exch 12% 2013-17	127	+1	9.41	8.95
128	99	Treas 8% 2017	100	-	8.73	8.71

UNDATED

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
54	39	War Ln 3½%	40	+	8.60	...
37	27	Treas 2½%	27	-	8.99	...

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1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
203	197	Treas IL 2% 1996	198	+	2.64	4.21
113	106	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	108	+	2.94	3.77
176	163	Treas IL 2½% 2001	164	+	3.46	3.89
173	159	Treas IL 2½% 2003	160	+	3.57	3.92
118	107	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	107	+	3.57	3.90
184	165	Treas IL 2% 2006	166	+	3.66	3.91
166	149	Treas IL 2½% 2009	150	-	3.70	3.93
175	154	Treas IL 2½% 2011	155	+	3.72	3.93
146	126	Treas IL 2½% 2013	127	+	3.75	3.94
157	134	Treas IL 2½% 2016	135	+	3.78	3.96
152	128	Treas IL 2½% 2020	129	+	3.82	3.97
129	106	Treas IL 2½% 2024	107	+	3.81	3.95
128	105	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	106	+	3.85	3.99

INFOTECH

Every home should have one

Matthew May on plans to make personal computers as common in the home as video recorders or CD players

The rapid advances in technology and aggressive price-cutting that have typified the selling of personal computers in the past few years have convinced manufacturers that the next move will be into the home.

The argument is that the humble PC can now be stuffed with so many extra features — such as television pictures, high quality sound and even a telephone answering machine — that the day is fast approaching when personal computers will become as common in the home as video cassette recorders or compact disc players.

This week, Compaq and IBM, two of the largest sellers of PCs, joined a steady stream of manufacturers with new PCs aimed directly at the home consumer. Both are companies that only a few years ago dismissed the home as a low-selling, low-profit area when compared with the business market. Now they are betting that there will be an explosive growth in the use of PCs in the home that will start with the run-up to this Christmas.

Perhaps they have a point. The research firm, IDC, says that in Europe the use of proper, full-blown PCs — rather than games machines and other types of home computers — grew last year by 45 per cent in homes and small offices. This, says IDC, is now the main focus of growth in the PC industry.

At present multimedia PCs cost at least £1,000 — but early camcorders and CD players were not cheap either. And the new products, the manufacturers argue, are no longer single-function PCs but a variety of devices all in one.

Compaq's new range of Presario PCs, or "home information centres", as it now sometimes calls them, are all multimedia. That means at least a CD-Rom drive and the ability to handle sound. Prices range from £1,400 to £1,800 including VAT.

This may seem expensive for a PC aimed at the home, but the new computers include significant extras — what Compaq describes as "family-oriented features with multiple lifestyle applications".

> "Each model includes a double speed CD-Rom drive and stereo sound"

In addition to the double speed CD-Rom drive and stereo sound system that can also play music CDs, there is also a telephone answering machine that can hold phone messages for each family member in separate voice mailboxes and a modem to connect the PC to the outside world.

There is also a fax facility, which Compaq promises is so simple to use that it needs only to be plugged into a home telephone line for consumers to be immediately able to send and receive on-screen fax messages from fax machines or other PCs. American versions of some of the new models can also double as a television set.

The only machines not mentioned are computer printers, which were seen only recently as a vital extra for any PC buyer. Presumably, in the new multimedia world, it is assumed that since all communications will be sent either by electronic mail or fax, the role of the computer printer is redundant.

People wanting to use their all-singing, all-dancing multimedia computer for more mundane purposes — such as sending a letter to aunts or bank managers — will have to buy a printer as an optional extra.

IBM's new PCs for the home are called Aptiva and in America are very similar in concept to the Compaq PC. All models are multimedia, including a CD-Rom drive, stereo speakers and trial subscriptions to online services. In Britain, however, IBM is taking a far more cautious approach than Compaq on the basis that we are a far less mature market than the American one. Only two of the eight models available in Britain are multimedia and there are no trial online subscriptions or telephone-answering facilities.

Instead, IBM UK is pushing the idea that its products are easier to use than standard PCs. Special features include a customised version of Windows and a wake-up or timer function that will turn on the PC and start performing tasks at a pre-set time. This, says IBM, can be useful when sending faxes at off-peak rates.

Models can also include a limited form of voice recognition, where users can speak simple commands into a microphone to navigate Windows. In November there will be a TV option where users can watch TV or video either on full screen or within a reduced window. Prices range from £880 to £1,820, including VAT. Suprisingly for a product aimed at the home consumer, IBM's price list does not include VAT. The cost of the cheapest multimedia machine is £1,290 including VAT.

Potential buyers should note that, unlike the Compaq machines, the special consumer-type features need extra purchases — a fax card for overnight faxes for example, a tuner to show TV pictures and, on all but the most expensive model, a microphone to use the voice recognition. Plus VAT of course.



Child's play: will PCs become information and entertainment centres for the home?

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A phone with a nose for alcohol

LEON FORD knows it will be better if he has not been drinking when he answers his black telephone. It has an electronic nose that sniffs his breath.

Mr Ford has one of 50 special telephones the Hendricks county probation department in Danville, west of Indianapolis, began using in April to keep tabs on people sentenced to home detention instead of jail.

For people required to avoid alcohol, because of offences such as drunken driving, the phones turn into watchdogs. If the small sensors in the mouthpiece detect alcohol, offenders could end up in jail.

Those sentenced to home detention wear an ankle bracelet that tracks their movements. When they are not at work, they must be at home to take calls on the special phones. They are not told about the sensors.

Throughout the day, a computer calls at random times and a recording asks the offenders to repeat their name, social security number and the time. The person will use a verification "key" attached to their bracelet to answer the phone, so the authorities know who is speaking. If the sensor detects alcohol, the computer calls back twice during the next 20 minutes for verification.

After three alcohol-positive calls, the computer pages a probation officer, who goes to the person's home to conduct a breath test.

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هكذا من الاصل

Paul Penrose reports on the move towards hand identification devices to stamp out crime

Putting the finger on the fraudsters

A fast-track scheme to help regular travellers to bypass immigration queues and enter America swiftly is being tested by British Airways in New York.

Passengers swipe a plastic card through a reader, place their hand on a metal plate and key in their flight number. The system matches the shape of their hand with the data on the card and, if the match is approved, prints an admission form and opens the baggage hall gate — all in 30 seconds. It is a rare example of a working biometric identification system, where the individual's unique characteristics are used to verify their identity.

The system works by measuring the shape of a person's hand and encoding the information. BA is evaluating the results of the pilot, run in conjunction with the US Immigration and Naturalisation Service, and expects to extend the service to other airports. The project stems from work by the Stamford Research Institute, which calculates that everyone's hand has defining characteristics.

The main advantage of the system, called Inspass, is that it removes the need for an immigration officer. BA is not alone in exploring the potential of biometric identification systems. Banks, retailers, high-security installations, and government departments are testing techniques which could supply everyone in Britain with a personal identity system.

The driving force behind much of this research is the wish to stamp out fraud — whether from stolen credit cards and benefit books to multiple-identity fraud. The DSS has been investigating the possibility of introducing biometric techniques to identify social security claimants. Under the proposed system, individual claimants would be issued with a plastic ID card containing fingerprint data. Officials believe that such a system could wipe out fraud from stolen and forged benefit books, estimated to be costing £800 million a year.

Research conducted by the Consumers Association, and separately by British banks, seems to indicate that the public would support a high-street identification system based on fingerprint matching — even above photographs on cards.

"The attitude that people had was that it is only if you have something to hide that you have something to fear," says Steve Collins, manager of the card technology group at Barclaycard. Barclays Bank is evaluating a range of fingerprint identification systems on behalf of the banking community. "What we are trying to do is say, 'Are you who you claim to be?' not 'Who are you?'. When the police look at fingerprints they say 'Who are you?'.

"They are doing identification. We are doing verification. It's quite a subtle difference but it seems to be recognised," Mr Collins says. Most banks are sniffy about photographs on cards, arguing that current successes in beating fraud could not be replicated if the schemes were extended nationwide. Research being evaluated by a major university would appear to back this attitude.

"I'm not saying that retailers will accept a card bearing a photograph of a monkey, but it certainly looks as if photocards aren't all they are cracked up to be," says one of the academics involved in the study.

As an alternative, and in line with the results of market research into customer preferences, British banks are looking at a variety of fingerprint ID systems supplied by firms such as Bull, IBM, Thorn EMI and EDS, as well as other systems, such as the hand geometry device used by BA.

Mr Collins says he is impressed by the airport system, but the size of the box and its high cost are not in its favour, although it is a solution which will be "actively pursued".

The fingerprint devices vary in their approach. An EDS system, for example, is based on pattern-type classification using a neural network, while Thorn uses a fingerprint scan to create a series of unique patterns which are analysed and matched at the point of sale.

To the cardholder, the process of enrolment and presentation is about the same. A fingerprint sample is taken and encoded as a series of digits on to the magnetic strip on the back of a card. The fingerprint of the person carrying the card is scanned and matched against this encoded information at the point of sale.

The banks have set stringent performance targets in their search for an acceptable mass-market biometric system, calling for a false reject rate of one in 100,000.

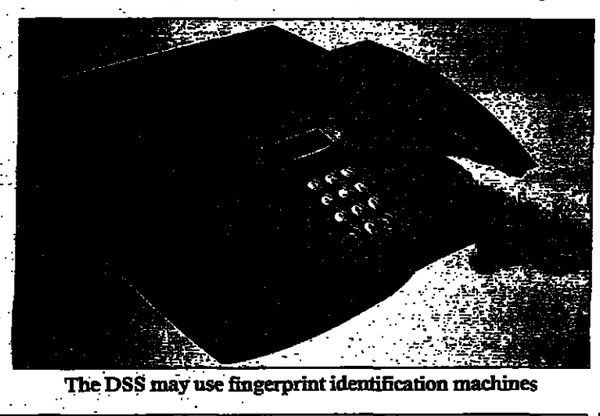
Sometimes referred to as the "insult factor", the false reject rate measures the probability of a genuine cardholder being rejected. No system can yet meet these targets, despite recent improvements in performance.

In the meantime, the plastic card industry is preoccupied with attempts to combat the relatively new but booming business in counterfeit card fraud. As Mr Collins says: "There is very little point in making sure it's the right person presenting the card, unless you can be sure that it's the genuine card in the first place."



ADRIAN BROOKS

Barclays Bank is testing a range of fingerprint identification systems to improve security and stop cashcard thefts



The DSS may use fingerprint identification machines

With an autopilot it's plain sailing

The latest yachting navigation system takes the controls from start to finish

A new type of automatic navigation has arrived with an electronic system that combines a chart plotter, autopilot, position-fixing system and instrument display in a single waterproof unit.

It uses electronic charts, a drop-down menu style of control, a large liquid-crystal display (LCD) screen, can receive navigational data from GPS or older satellite-based devices and show boat instruments on the screen.

Installed on a yacht, the system means an owner can plot a complete course — whether to cross the Solent or the Atlantic — and hand the control over to a built-in autopilot.

The yacht's progress will be visible on the screen at any time, and alarm functions will warn the navigator if the vessel is getting near to a hazard, such as a shoal or rocks.

It will also give warning if the rudder setting on the autopilot is insufficient to maintain the boat's course.

Information from the GPS, satellite guidance or similar system, is automatically fed into the system, compared with the chosen course and desired position and signals are sent to the autopilot motor to correct the course if necessary.

The system, Chartpilot 775 costs from £2,500 and is produced by Cetrek, a Poole-based company which is showing it at the Southampton Boat Show running until Sunday.

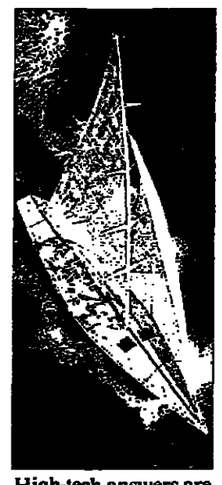
Chart-plotters of various types have been available to wealthier owners for some time, but the Cetrek system is the first to combine all these functions in a unit designed specifically for use in a marine environment.

Cetrek has opted for a single colour display to keep costs down, but it is working on a full-colour LCD for a premium version of the product.

The basic plotter system adds the functions required by the navigator to the electronic chart. These include the passage-planning facilities, alarms, display of GPS data and the ability to show instruments — initially navigational details such as course, speed and depth but shortly to include engine and other important data on the vessel's performance.

The software allows the navigator to display up to six chosen sets of data on the screen at any time, while being able to see the chart and the vessel's progress along the course.

Chartpilot's plug-in chart modules typically cost from £40 to £120, the latter incorporating up to 32 paper charts.



High-tech answers are solving old problems

Other systems are based on personal computers, such as PC Maritime's Navmaster, and each is based on a specific form of electronic chart. Cetrek has opted for charts supplied in plug-in cartridges by C-Map, an Italian company.

It is these charts that form the basis of all plotters. They incorporate all or some of the details found on paper charts — coastal features, depth contours, lights, navigation marks, big ship channels in narrow waterways, and even street plans or the layouts of marinas or harbours.

Some, such as Livechart, a Hampshire-based company, produce charts that are exact facsimilies of paper charts, down to the colours and even the errors. Others show only the vital details, in the interest of clarity and usability. The best are known as vector-scanned charts, in which particular types of information — such as the lights on buoys — are digitally stored on "layers" that can be removed temporarily if they are not needed, in bright daylight for example.

JOHN STANSELL

How to own your own name

CORPORATE identities have been hijacked by speculators registering them on the Internet, reports a new magazine.

To obtain a particular Internet address, you need only adhere to a limit on the length of the name and register it before someone else does. *Internet*, the magazine, says that some individuals are now cheekily inviting companies to buy back their Internet names.

The magazine, published by EMAP Computing, advises that to avoid losing their names, companies should register suitable variations as soon as possible — a process which is free.

Mini printer

A POCKET printer about the size of a rolled-up newspaper will go on sale in November. Citizen Watch, the company behind the printer, says that the £320 printer will provide the same quality as an office laser printer and print two sheets a minute. It plans to make 10,000 of the devices every month.

Small printers are popular among people working with mobile communications.

Unsuitable

APPLE Computer's £3.5 billion copyright lawsuit in America against its rivals Microsoft and Hewlett-Packard suffered a possibly fatal blow this week when a federal appeals court refused to reinstate it.

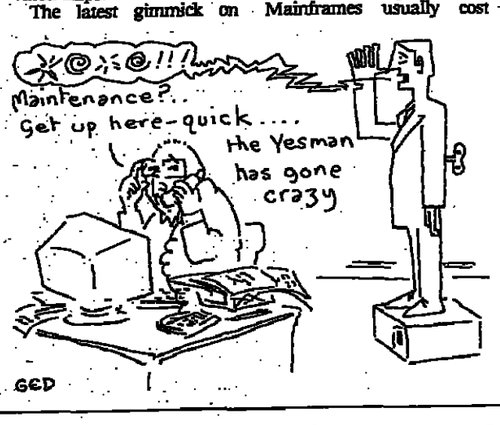
The lawsuit, filed in 1988, claims copyright infringements of Apple's rights to the symbols and overall appearance of the screen display on its Macintosh PC.

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Six new hopes

IBM has introduced six cheaper mainframe models as it continues a strategy to restore sales of its previously downtrodden mainframe business with cheaper models. The new models are aimed at small and medium-sized corporations. Mainframes usually cost millions, but these machines start from £200,000.

IBM's mainframe business has been buoyed by lower prices, an improved world economy and some disenchantment with the trend toward client-server computer networks, which can prove to be more time-consuming and costly than expected.

● *INDIA opened its first high-speed information highway on Tuesday, linking 14 cities with satellite earth stations. The facility can transmit voice, video, data and multimedia information at 2.2 million bits a second.*

Entente

TWO computer companies, Bull, of France, and America's Wang, have agreed to an alliance, under which Bull will sell some of its US activities to Wang and take a stake in the American company. Bull will sell Wang some services operated by its Bull HN subsidiary and will have a seat on Wang's board and strategic committee.

The agreement, to be ratified by the end of the year, also calls for the exchange of licences, Wang to distribute Unix products and Zenith Data Systems to become the main outlet for Wang portable computers.

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IBM fights back with OS/2 upgrade

The new, leaner version should be an ideal alternative to Windows

IBM will next month launch a worldwide bid to put its graphical operating system OS/2 back into business against Microsoft Windows, *David Hewson writes*. It is to launch a £70 upgrade bundled with hundreds of pounds worth of software and ten hours of access to the Internet.

Windows dwarfs OS/2 among users of PC compatibles. It runs on about 60 million desktops compared with about five million for IBM's operating system.

But IBM says that the late arrival of Microsoft's Chicago upgrade — which is now officially known as Windows 95 and is due out by the middle of next year — coupled with the memory requirements of the current generation of some Microsoft applications make its new, leaner version of OS/2 an ideal alternative for small businesses, mobile corporate users and personal computer users at home.

The upgrade is happy with only four megabytes of memory and is claimed to offer many of the benefits of Windows 95 six months or more before the Microsoft product comes on to market. OS/2 will run Windows applications and overcome some of the problems users of the older DOS system have when they try to use their programs on a Windows PC.

IBM also claims performance advantages for the software which, like Windows 95, runs as a new, faster 32-bit operating system, exchanging data inside the computer at twice the speed of a 16-bit system such as the current version of Windows.

With OS/2, IBM will include a package of applications written for 32-bit computing. These include integrated businesss software, IBM Works, fax software, a personal information manager and a conferencing facility for people on an office network.

The company is also hoping to break Microsoft's stranglehold on the operating system market by persuading some large PC manufacturers to include OS/2 with new computers. At the moment, almost every new personal computer sold is shipped with Windows already installed on its hard disc.

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A leading college is encouraging employers to promote part-time study among its staff. **David Guest** finds out how the scheme operates

Too much work, too little study

Flexible working is one of the most fashionable expressions and most of what it implies makes workers uncomfortable. At the office it can mean having to find your own desk every day, or, at home, combining office work with childcare.

But the term is acquiring more attractive connotations. Growing numbers of information-technology specialists, sometimes helped by enlightened employers, are making flexible work involve a return to further education. In some cases it is a question of individual initiative — people studying for qualifications in their spare time. Employers occasionally help by rearranging working weeks to give employees more time to study or by contributing to fees.

In the case of Imperial College's IC Parc in London, the idea is that employers and academics join forces to create a forum to benefit all parties and companies outside Parc. At the same time, it will provide a chance for staff from participating companies such as British Airways, ICL and BT to return to a formal education environment.

Professor Bill O'Riordan, ICL's head of research and advanced technology, and chairman of IC Parc, says one aim is to bridge a gap opening throughout industry. "The trend is towards subsidiarity, giving power to small units," he says, "but small units cannot afford research, so we have to find a corporate way of doing it. There is also the point that an inventor is inventing for only perhaps 0.1 per cent of the time; the rest is spent becoming more focused in their field, which exposes them to the risk of being left behind by technology. In the university environment their degree of freedom is not compromised and they are stimulated by contact with younger people."

This should help morale and the sense of career development, but he also predicts a commercial pay-off for ICL. "Small and medium-size enterprises are employing people while big companies are shedding staff. At ICL we take the view that if we help them to share the science, we stand a better chance of getting business from them."

Dr Mark Wallace is a principal research fellow with ICL due to begin a three-year stint at IC Parc this month. His first degree was in mathematics and philosophy and he began work at ICL 14 years ago in marketing support for Government clients. He completed a PhD funded by ICL and went back to the company to work on ways of using databases with natural language commands. For the past ten years he has been working at the European Computer Industry Research Centre in Munich and becoming an authority on constraint programming, an advanced form of software engineering.

"I am surprised at the way my career has developed," he says. "I think ICL has done well by me and in keeping an eye on what is coming up in technology they motivate their employees very well."

He notes that enlightened self-interest might describe ICL's position. "It is hard for computer manufacturers to be sure where profits will come from in five years' time. I think ICL understands more now about using technologies for practical purposes."

ALAN WELLER



Professor Bill O'Riordan, IC Parc's chairman: "There will be a scramble soon for technology and skills"

Professor O'Riordan suggests that the Parc, and the practice of seconding employees to it, may be essential to address a damaging scientific deficit. Pointing out that the kind of technological progress represented now by PCs begins with a scientist developing a theory, he says, "We are weak in theory now and we don't have enough scientists. We have a world of technicians, sales people in stores capable of putting a PC together. You can train technicians and to some extent you can train engineers but you have to educate scientists. We have nothing in the bank. There will be a great scramble soon for technology and skills, and only people can put them in the bank."

Professor O'Riordan's distinction between education and training may be comparable to the difference between the academic overtones of formal further education and the hot-house, focused intensity of commercial training courses.

In computing, the generally agreed solution to the shortage of specific skills — in Oracle database technology at present, for example — is to step up investment in product-specific courses. Fashions in IT tend to change rapidly, so this is likely to be a recurring short-term necessity. More widely available further education may provide a longer-term answer.

His preference, for a return to a general education where people are taught to think and encouraged to explore green fields, may not be an immediate prospect but the Government could perhaps at least offer tax relief and student loans to part-time mature students.

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Answering a trunk call: Using their mobile phones, Martin Chignall, left, and Mike Cook combine office work with carrying out their job of grinding down tree stumps

Is talking good for you?

Peter Purton sets out the different schemes by which mobile phone operators are attracting a whole range of customers

The catch phrase that the actor Bob Hoskins uses in his series of advertisements for British Telecom is "It's good to talk." Well he would say that, wouldn't he? But Dr Bryan Lask, a psychiatrist, says the phone is a much better influence on children than television or computer games. He was asked by the mobile-phone company, Mercury One-2-One, to evaluate the results of a Gallup survey which found that children use the phone more often than their parents — a fact which many parents know already.

Barry Kernon, an accountant in London, found that his children used the phone so much that he had a payphone installed. But then they found a way of using the payphone for free — though the parents still got the bill. Mr Kernon's answer was to get a mobile phone. He chose a Mercury One-2-One which, for a monthly subscription of £12.50 plus VAT, offers free off-peak local calls.

This is just one example of how operators are making their mobile phones as attractive as possible to a much wider range of people than the original, stereotypical, businessman on the move. JC-001, the world's fastest rap artist, according to the 1993 *Guinness Book of Records*, has had his One-2-One mobile since spring. Mercury's tariff suits JC-001's nocturnal lifestyle as he often works through the night and does not get up until mid-afternoon.

The free off-peak calls were seen as a bit of a gimmick when they were launched along with the service in September last year. But to people like JC-001, they are a major attraction to Mercury's service over those of its rivals. "*The only time I ever call* my mother is on a Sunday when it's free," says JC-001. "People will come up to me in the pub and ask me if it is a One-2-One phone. They know that if it is the calls are free. They wouldn't dare to ask to use it otherwise."

Interestingly, Mercury's approach to enticing people has not been copied by any of its rivals. Mobile phone network old-timers Cellnet and Vodafone have both tried to attract new mobile-phone users by offering schemes where lower monthly subscription charges, from around £10, are offset by higher call charges. They are aimed at attracting those who want a mobile but do not intend to use it very often.

Alternative tariffs for heavier users demand a higher monthly subscription of around £25, but in return each call costs less. Ken Clarke runs All Seasons Spit Caterers, a Guildford-based company specialising in spit roasts for outdoor events. He uses a *transportable phone — the kind that* also works as a carphone — connected to the Cellnet network so that he can stay in touch with staff and suppliers while preparing feasts.

"I got the phone when I started the business three and a half years ago. With our type of business you have to spend a lot of time on-site, cooking for the event. The phone keeps me in touch with what's going on elsewhere," he explains. As a frequent user, Mr Clarke made the decision to go for higher standing charges and lower call costs.

Martin Chignall and Mike Cook took the alternative route. They run a tree stump grinding company based in Windsor called Stumpbusters. Having cut down the tree, tree surgeons are still faced with the stump. The answer is to call in Stumpbusters. Their machinery can grind a stump down to eight inches below the ground.

"Our contractors need to know *how to get hold of us. As we are out* during the day a mobile phone is the best answer," says Mr Chignall. But as the phone is there to receive calls not to make them, Mr Chignall went for a low monthly rental scheme with its higher call charges. "We worked out that as we would make less than ten calls a week, we would be better off with this," he says.

Britain's latest mobile phone network is Orange, run by Hutchison Telecom. It has opted for a compromise between the existing schemes. Orange mobile phones are available with several different monthly subscription rates ranging from £15 to £100. Each rate includes a certain number of "free" calls per month — from 15 minutes to 9 hours.

It was only around 20 years ago that the telephone overtook the letter as the main means of communication between people in Britain. Now, with over two and a half million mobile phones in use, close to one in 20 of the population has their own personal communicator. This figure is predicted to rise to one in five by the end of the decade. If the phone-using habits of today's young people are anything *to go by, clearly "it is good to talk".*

●*The Mobile Business Show runs at Olympia, London, from Monday, September 26 until Thursday, September 29. Entrance is usually £10, though readers can obtain free admittance by phoning the advance ticket line of the organisers, the Federation of Communications Services, on 081 778 9449.*

Choosing the right phone

You will meet true pros and real cons in the mobile phone market

It is hard to walk down the high street these days without seeing displays of portable phones. The designs are a good deal more attractive nowadays, and they're not all that expensive either. You may just be thinking you could be tempted to join the mobile phone brigade.

But however appealing the proposition, however plausible the sales talk, stop. Choosing the wrong phone or signing the wrong contract could turn out to be an expensive mistake, and there's no statutory cooling-off period which would allow you to back out. While the phone itself may be the first thing to catch your eye, what you end up paying for is using it - and that could put the initial cost of acquisition into the shade. With hand-portables, it's worth asking for a trial in the places where you are likely to be using it — and weighing up the implications of a refusal.

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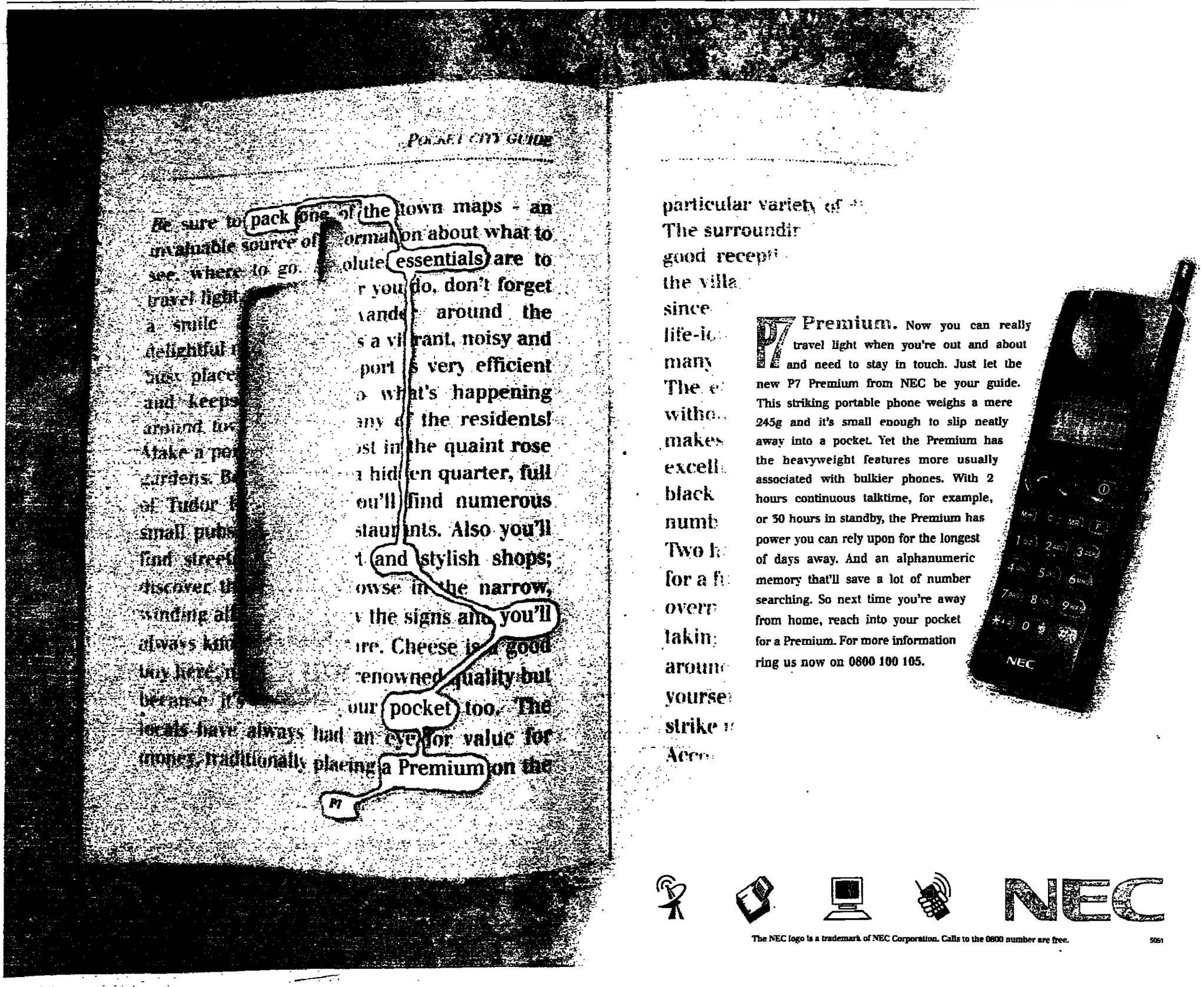
The free competition in the supply of mobile phones gives you the choice of dealing with reputable high-street stores, specialist dealers and back-street bargain centres. This also unfortunately means that there are a few unscrupulous service providers around. I know of a young woman whose boyfriend got her a cellphone as a Christmas present. She didn't want it but the air-time retailer pursued her with solicitor's letters to *make her pay for the sub*scription, even though she had never signed a contract.

In general, the larger retailers who have a reputation to guard are the safest people to deal with. Their greater purchasing power means that you are more likely to get a better price as well. One high-street chain, People's Phone, has installed computer terminals in each of its stores to guide you to the best choice of phone and contract. By contrast, sales assistants in general electrical shops may be less well-informed and may even be on commission to sell you the most lucrative deal.

Your enthusiasm to walk out with a new phone may overcome your instinct to check the fine print of the contract. Don't let this happen. A few service providers charge for non-effective calls — to engaged or no-reply numbers — and some cheap-rate periods lasts from midnight to 6am only, much shorter than those of the network operators themselves. Most providers surcharge foreign calls, while some customers find overseas calls blocked altogether because the service provider is not prepared to extend the credit risk. If you decide to change tariff or network, you may find that the phone cannot be used on another network, or that the phone number you have given to friends and associates must be given up. Most contracts last a minimum of 12 months.

Treat all bargain offers with caution. Some don't include VAT, while the cheapest deals are often for business-rate tariffs only. You should also decline any private deal that sounds ridiculously cheap — the phone could be stolen, re*possessed or incomplete* and may be impossible to reconnect. A new phone will almost certainly work out cheaper and you'll have a guarantee as well.

ANDREW EMMERSON



Excuse me, I've had another call

When a doctor is urgently needed in casualty or someone suffers cardiac arrest in hospital, the little grey box in the pocket goes "bleep" and he or she rushes purposefully to the scene of the crisis.

It is just one example of how pagers can help. Now that pagers can receive messages consisting of numbers or a combination of text and numbers, operators of pager services claim the devices have more potential uses than some people imagine.

Until now, pagers have been used mostly in the business sector to tellemployees to phone their office, to rush back to it urgently or to phone somebody else. Depending on how sophisticated it is, a pager costs between £12 and £25 a month.

The once-humble bleeper may be coming into its own with new marketing, says Peter Dykes

But manufacturers of paging equipment, and network operators, like their mobile-phone counterparts, have realised there is an enormous potential for increased sales and revenues if they can convince more people that pagers can be cheap and useful enough for private use.

In America, Motorola, one of the main pager manufacturers, estimates that about nine million people use pagers for non-business purposes. It predicts that in the United States numbers will grow to 19 million by 1997 and top 30 million by the end of the decade. This is despite American pager owners still having to pay hefty monthly subscription charges.

In Sweden, in April last year, the telecommunications group Telia introduced a type of paging service aimed exclusively at the consumer market. It had no connection or subscription fees and because the caller pays for the sending of each message, becoming a pager owner means simply buying one in a shop.

After that, there is nothing further to pay. This approach, radical for the paging industry, coupled with an imaginative marketing campaign resulted in Telia's monthly pager sales doubling within six months. Calls made to pagers over the public phone network tripled.

Encouraged by this, Motorola, the American manufacturer that is becoming a driving force behind consumer pagers, has embarked on a similar strategy in Britain.

In conjunction with the network operator Mercury Paging, the company has started a similar service called Minicall, aimed at convincing British consumers that they need pagers.

Buying the pager costs £94, but after that there is no more to pay. Motorola hopes to get its return from increased pager sales: Mercury will depend on the fact that callers have to make premium-rate calls to send messages to the pagers.

Stuart Gibson, Motorola's regional marketing manager, admits that margins are small. "It is only just viable to operate a 'caller pays' system in Britain," he says.

The reason is that part of the cost of each call goes to BT for the use of its public telephone network. Mr Gibson says that Telia's advantage in Sweden was that at the time of launching its scheme, it had a monopoly on the public telephone system, which Mercury does not.

Mercury and Motorola's aim to turn a part of the nation into people frantically paging each other has chosen as its first target group males in their mid-twenties and will try to convince them that pagers are hip, cool and *de rigueur*. For example, the users could prearrange with their chums a numeric code for "let's go for a beer" or transmit a phone number for details of this weekend's local rave party.

The pagers will be sold in retail outlets not traditionally considered to be suitable, such as fashion shops and record stores, as well as the usual high-street electrical retail chains and phone shops.

Despite the threat of competition from the new service, operators of more traditional paging networks claim they welcome the move as a way of expanding awareness of paging and hence perhaps even increasing the revenue from paging for everyone.

One operator thinks that the UK market will soon have 1.2 million users

Hutchison, which operates a British and pan-European paging service, argues that business customers will not find the new service that attractive. "Businesses," it says, "will have to look very carefully at running costs, given that Minicall uses premium rate phone numbers."

Aircall, a paging operator owned by Vodapage, is predicting that the UK paging market will reach about 1.2 million users by next year, up from 750,000 this year.

Paging may also get a boost from BT plans to introduce a system based on wristwatch pagers, which will also use a "caller pays" tariff, a system that is already operating in Germany.



Fashion must? The Motorola Lifestyle Plus pager


Ready for a message: Motorola and Mercury are promoting pagers as a youth accessory

You left a phone on the seat?

Most city-centre car break-ins involve the theft of handsets

If you own a mobile phone and you park in the city and usually leave your handset behind when you go walkabout, now may be the time to think again.

According to the Federation of Communication Services (FCS), the motivation behind up to 60 per cent of city-centre car break-ins is a mobile phone. Stereos, it seems, have suddenly become yesterday's news.

About 15,000 mobile phones a month are now being stolen. Many of them had been left seductively displayed on the car passenger seat; others disappeared from the home, the office and even the person. The taxi driver whose mobile phone was stolen last year while he was having a heart attack is one of the more extreme examples.

The issue for the industry, and for governments coming under pressure to regulate, is how to clamp down without damaging prospects for even stronger growth in the future.

The federation is among a number of organisations making the case for legislation to outlaw the practice of re-chipping: changing the identity of a phone and giving it a new electronic serial number (ESN). At present, a stolen phone can be sold on the black market, re-chipped and reconnected to the network under a new identity. Supposedly lost serial numbers and the customer's desire to be connected to a different network are just two still legitimate excuses for re-chipping.

Another popular ploy of telecommunications criminals is cloning, a process that involves giving a stolen phone the ESN of a model that already exists, making it more difficult to trace, and resulting in all calls being charged to the registered user's account.

Ian White, the editor of the trade paper *Mobile News*, says that manufacturers must start to act in harmony. "They have to come up with a centralised database which will improve the system of tracking stolen phones," he says.

Mr White is reassured that should his phone be stolen, insurance is underwriting the company's guarantee to have a replacement on the doorstep within two hours.

But beware. If you leave a phone in the car, your insurance may cover you only if the car is locked and protected by a working car alarm and the phone out of sight. After all, runs the logic, you would not leave a Rolex watch on the front seat, so why leave a mobile phone?

NICK COTTAM


Stolen mobile phones recovered by London police

Watch the charge

Don't forget to look at the batteries when buying a set

Batteries are often the last thing on people's minds when buying a mobile phone, yet inadequate batteries can really degrade a phone's performance, *Andrew Emmerson writes.*

If you want to leave your phone on all day to make and receive calls, or expect to make more than an hour of calls each day you might need either a bigger battery or to carry a fully charged spare around with you to fit when the orginal needs charging.

Ironically, over a few years you can spend more on your batteries than on the cost of the phone. But by choosing carefully and looking after them, they should not be a drain on your pocket.

So-called bargains can turn out to be more expensive in the long run. Since the battery plays an important part in how well you get on with your cellphone, it makes sense to buy the best.

Some portable phones include only one battery and an overnight trickle charger. But you are buying the phone to use it, not to find that the battery is flat when you need it most. Many users find a second battery essential, possibly a high-power one that will last several days on a single charge. A fast charger comes in handy when you need to recharge a battery in a hurry: a power cord for your car will save the phone's battery by running it from the cigar-lighter socket.

The best chargers can recondition the battery to maintain its effectiveness. The nickel cadmium (NiCad) variety, supplied with many phones, do not like partial discharging and recharging afterwards, and can expire prematurely if mishandled.

Fortunately, the nickel metal hydride batteries fitted to some newer mobile phones do not have the same charging problems as NiCads. They are also more compact because they hold more charge in a given physical volume — but they are more expensive. For this reason, they have not been adopted by all suppliers.

If you buy only batteries with your phone's brand name on, you may pay over the odds, and many of the cheap, no-names ones in white boxes are suspect. The best deals are often from specialist accessory firms where the goods come from the same factories as Sony, Motorola and Nokia. Savings can be up to 35 to 45 per cent. "Even on a low-cost item like a spare battery, you can expect to pay £25 to £35 for one of ours compared with maker's-name versions costing £25 to £30 more," claims Malcolm Hanson, the managing director of Ora, a specialist firm in Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, which supplies a third of all cellphone accessories sold in the UK.

"For chargers," he says, "the saving can be even higher, up to £50 in many cases."

Extremes of heat and cold will damage batteries too, and it is a good idea to let batteries run down regularly. They may not be a glamour product but batteries still need careful handling.

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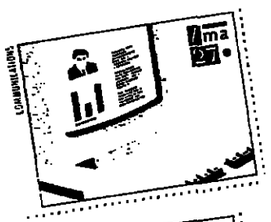
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A system to beat the eavesdroppers

Buy digital or analogue? **Monica Horten** sets out the advantages and disadvantages of both types of phone

Ten years ago, compact discs were at the leading edge of hi-fi technology. Today, it is impossible to walk into a music store and find a vinyl record among the shelves loaded with CDs.

And so it is likely to be with mobile phones. Among the myriad of phones on offer, buyers have to choose between using one of the newest digital networks or the more established analogue ones.

Digital is of excellent quality, but the phones can be expensive — although one make has just been cut in price by £100, and is selling at £150. Analogue is like the old vinyl records were in 1984 — crackly but readily available.

Four digital mobile-phone services are offered in the UK: Vodafone's Eurodigital, Cellnet's Primetime Plus, Mercury's One-2-One and Hutchison Telecom's Orange. They generally provide a better quality line, with none of the crackling and hissing that can sometimes plague an analogue phone.

Digital technology also brings peace of mind to those worried about eavesdroppers. It is extremely difficult to understand a call made on a digital mobile phone line because the speech travels along the network as a series of bits and bytes.

The system is technically capable of doing much more than analogue ever could. Many extras are built-in to the technology. For example, on the Orange digital network customers can have two telephone numbers for the same phone — each one rings with a different tone. It is useful for anyone wanting to separate business calls from personal ones.

Other facilities will be made available to customers in the next few years. Digital phones can receive short-text messages in the same way as a message pager. This could be useful in any situation where someone does not want to be disturbed but wants to get specific messages, such as changes to their schedule.

Some digital phones using the Vodafone and Cellnet digital networks can also be used abroad. It is possible to get off a plane at the other end and make a call. "I took my digital phone on holiday and used it in France and Italy, even on the Isle of Elba," says Danny Churchill, the group merchandise director for Dixons Stores. From the end of this month, Dixons will add the Cellnet digital service with the international option to its range.

> "Digital brings peace of mind to those worried about eavesdroppers"

"At the moment," he says, "the analogue and digital services are very similar — the difference in digital phones is the better quality. But in the longer term, digital is going to be the system for the future, so I would go digital."

But as with CDs in the early days, digital services are not yet as widely available as analogue. You can use an analogue phone virtually anywhere in the UK but may struggle to make a digital call in some areas. For the moment, people should check the coverage area of any digital network carefully before signing up to make sure that it covers both where they live and any other area in which they would want to make calls.

Vodafone and Cellnet claim their digital services cover at least 90 per cent of the UK population, but rural reception can be patchy. Orange now covers 65 per cent of the population and a 90 per cent range is predicted by the end of next year. Mercury One-2-One is spreading its coverage outside its initial network area within the London orbital motorway.

Like CDs, average prices for digital phones are higher than for analogue. On the price list of London Car Telephones, for instance, the analogue phones average £142, compared with the digital average of £274. But prices are coming down. Motorola's Digiflip phone, which can be used on Cellnet and Vodafone's digital services, is now selling at £150, as is the equivalent Orange model.

The way digital services charge varies greatly and can make comparisons difficult. One-2-One offers free off-peak calls while Orange includes a pre-specified number of "free" call minutes, depending on the monthly subscription you choose to pay.

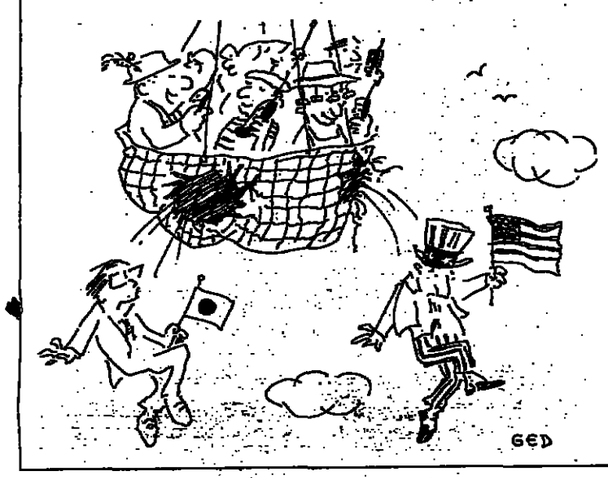
Vodafone's Metrodigital offers cheaper calls to people who mostly use the phone within their local area. For overseas travellers, Eurodigital and Primetime Plus are priced the same as the analogue business services when used in the UK. The newest tariff scheme, aimed at business, is One-2-One's Inside Options. For about £22 a month, people can get discounted calls at 3p a minute (local) and 7p a minute (national), from one nominated "home" location. They also get the normal One-2-One mobile service away from the home location. The company claims that people can give up their BT line, and reduce their overall fixed and mobile telephone bill.

Yet this is not necessarily so, especially if people make few mobile calls. For example, if a local company decides to replace its BT business line with Inside Options and most of the calls are made away from the office, on mobile rates, it will save money by paying one line rental instead of two. But when most calls are from the office during the working day, the quarterly BT bill needs to reach more than £120 in order to make savings. The BT line rental is £32 a quarter, and the One-2-One equivalent is £67 a quarter and BT's local daytime rate is 4.2p a minute.

PETER TREVNOR



Danny Churchill, group merchandise director. Dixons Stores: "I took my digital phone on holiday and used it in France and Italy"



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Japan and America are being left on the sidelines in the drive to standardise mobile telephones

The voice for Europe

Mobile phones might be sweeping across Europe in popularity, but the next big task is in getting more of them to work beyond the country in which you buy them.

In Britain, consumers have a choice of two digital cellular services which use what are called GSM phones and which can make calls in much of Europe, from Toulouse to Tallinn, and some other parts of the world as well.

GSM is one of the few success stories in the drive for European standardisation. Countries all over Europe are adopting it, regardless of what idiosyncratic analogue mobile system they already have installed. GSM's take-up in most of Asia, plus Australia and South Africa, has created the rare situation in which it is the Americans and the Japanese who are left appearing as the odd ones out.

Vodafone was the first to introduce a mobile phone service that would work outside Britain with its Eurodigital tariff. There is a monthly subscription fee of £25, with calls in Britain charged at 25p a minute during peak hours from 7.30am to 9.30pm Monday to Saturday, and 10p off-peak. So-called roaming agreements have been made with 30 network operators abroad in 21 countries covering most of Western Europe and other less likely places, including Qatar and Estonia. Spain is due to join in December.

The alternative service is from Cellnet, which has roaming agreements with 22 networks in 15 countries. Again, all the main countries of Western Europe are included, some of them with access to two networks. By the end of next January, Cellnet plans to reach a further seven countries.

Cellnet's pricing scheme for the service when used in Britain is charged at exactly the same rate as for its standard UK-only Primetime business service on its analogue network. This means that prices are very similar to Eurodigital service.

Actually making a mobile call when abroad is no different to making one here, but the network has to make special arrangements to handle it. Your call goes back to the country and national network operator you signed up with.

Though this makes for an easy billing scheme, it can have drawbacks. If, for example, you are at a trade fair in Germany and call a colleague, you expect him or her to be in Britain. However, if that colleague also happens to be at the same German trade fair, then your call will be routed to Britain and back. The call will be charged accordingly.

BOB WHITEHOUSE

David Hewson reports on a revolution in the way in which we use portables

A marriage of convenience

As anyone who has tried them knows to their cost, conventional mobile phones and the data ports of notebook computers and portable fax machines make poor bedfellows.

The analogue cellular phone is essentially a two-way radio which struggles when used for anything but voice messages. Expensive devices do exist that will link digital devices to the cellular network, but they can be cumbersome to use and, when successful, will transfer data only at a rate of 2,400 baud, a quarter the speed of a normal fax machine.

Digital data is best suited for digital telephones. The arrival of digital networks from Vodaphone, Mercury One-2-One, Cellnet and the latest operator, Orange, should bring fast and reliable mobile information services to anyone with a suitable notebook computer, portable fax or hand-held electronic notepad like Apple's Newton.

Data has so far taken second place to voice in the development of the new digital networks now spreading around the country.

Colin Tucker, group operations director for Hutchison Telecom, the main company behind Orange, says the reason is simple — the firms making the hardware have concentrated on turning out the more popular phones and are only now turning to the interface cards required to make data work.

> People have been waiting for this development

But by early next year, most digital networks expect to turn on the data capability within their phone systems, and life, for the worker on the move, may suddenly be transformed.

Portable phones, both analogue and digital, have so far been primarily voice devices. When fast, reliable data is added into the mix, they can take on entirely new qualities, and become intelligent pagers, automatic links into electronic mail networks and even small, personalised news receivers.

Some owners of a digital phone at the moment already have one data service to hand. Both the GSM and PCN digital standards allow for a Short Messaging Service (SMS) which can be used as a personalised pager. Through SMS, a text message of up to 160 characters can be sent automatically between two compatible phones, or from a central paging service.

You can use SMS as a discreet way of passing short messages to a colleague. Soon, you will also be able to use it to pick up news and information through specialist service providers who are planning to broadcast financial, sports and current affairs news across the digital networks.



Mobile phones and laptop computers should soon work together much more easily

Simon Farr, product manager for data products with Mercury Communications mobile services, believes that these new possibilities will kickstart the sluggish mobile data market. "There has not been as much analogue traffic in data as we initially expected. It is mainly used in the service engineering environment and I think people have been waiting because they knew digital services are just around the corner."

Network operators are now carrying out trials of the services to fine-tune them for their public launch. Mr Tucker says that the tests show that the data service will provide good, reliable links through the phone network at a basic speed of 9,600 bits per second, the same as that of a common fax machine or modem, and the rate can be improved through data compression.

"Customers will be salesmen on the road, service engineers, people like that. We have major customers interested right now, including one in the utility business and another who has a lot of sales staff on the road," he says. In the early days, however, it is going to be a fairly expensive mobile toy to own.

All the networks are standardising on the same hardware for providing mobile access. You will need a suitable digital phone, which will usually cost about £300 at present, and a credit-card sized device that will fit into a PCMCIA slot in a notebook computer or an electronic organiser.

You can use the same PCMCIA card for any compatible device, but Nokia, the Finnish phone manufacturer which will be one of the first providers of the cards, expects them to cost £600 when they are launched.

That puts the cost of being ready for digital data at £900, although once the market starts to grow in volume some rapid falls in price can be expected.

When the PCMCIA standard first started to attract the attention of modem manufacturers a year ago, early models cost about £600. Now they can be found for as little as £200.

There will be intense rivalry between the digital networks for the data customer and at the moment all are keeping silent about launch dates, the fine detail of their services, and how much airtime will cost.

> In the early days, it will be expensive

Some analogue data services have attracted premium charges and few customers. But Mercury's Mr Farr believes the same mistake will not be made with digital.

"I don't think you will be charged more for data and you might be charged more economically because you could be charged only for what you send," he says. "Data traffic may be managed differently by the networks and I think the tariffs will reflect that."

The greatest unknown, however, is how long it will take mobile data to make the leap to become a consumer product. Like the first mobile phones, it will be too expensive in the early years, but prices will fall as volume increases.

The idea of delivering electronic mail, faxes, news and a host of new services to a wallet-sized electronic organiser is one that could fulfil Apple's original vision for the electronic notepad to turn into a personal communicator and become an invaluable consumer item.

Nokia predicts that five million Europeans will be hooked into mobile digital data by 1997. But through which networks, and using what kind of equipment, is anyone's guess.

Silicon Valley to Mongolia

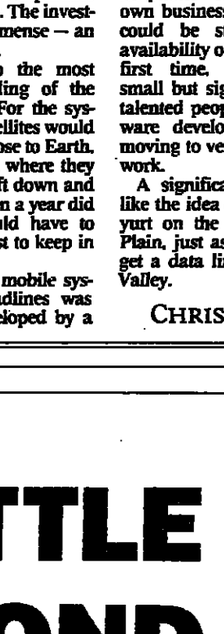
How a thousand satellites could link the world's remotest places by phone

If everyone's plans come out right, there will be a thousand satellites circling close to the Earth by the turn of the century, making it possible to make a mobile phone call from virtually anywhere on the planet.

Suddenly, the telephone will be truly democratic, available equally whether you live in the rich cities of the West or remote African villages. Or, indeed, sailing the Indian Ocean, flying from London to Edinburgh, or queueing to climb Everest.

That at least is the vision. Four international groups are raising a projected combined cost of at least £12 billion to put it into practice. However, many observers believe that satellite systems will have great difficulty competing with rapidly expanding cheap terrestrial networks.

Cellular phones may never cover the Earth's wild places, the argument goes, but are there that many people prepared to pay a hefty premium to call home from the middle of the Sahara?



Plans exist for big satellite systems

The most spectacular satellite project is Teledesic, devised and led by two of the world's best-known and richest technologists, Bill McCaw of McCaw Cellular Communications, and Bill Gates, of Microsoft. They aim to build what they describe as an "extraterrestrial Internet" of 840 small satellites in low orbit, distributing phone lines and data communications and video services, at prices comparable with terrestrial links. The investment required is immense — an estimated £6 billion.

Teledesic is also the most technically demanding of the current proposals. For the system to work, the satellites would have to orbit very close to Earth, about 435 miles up, where they would regularly drift down and burn up. If one in ten a year did this, Teledesic would have to launch 84 a year just to keep in business.

The first satellite mobile system to hit the headlines was Iridium, being developed by a consortium headed by Motorola. The system will consist of 66 low-orbit satellites launched at an estimated cost of £2.2 billion. Iridium uses the much more understood L-band to communicate between satellite and ground, using higher frequencies to send signals between satellites.

The Globalstar service proposed by Loral, a US communications company, is both simpler and cheaper than either Teledesic or Iridium. The satellites will be smaller and higher: a total of 48 craft positioned 750 nautical miles above the Earth's surface.

The contender that starts from the strongest position in terms of subscriber base is Inmarsat, originally set up to provide satellite-based communications for shipping but which has always harboured undisguised ambitions to become the next power in mobile satellite communications world-wide.

Inmarsat has rejected the the idea of a constellation of satellites in low orbits in favour of fewer craft — 12 — further out. This should reduce the launch cost but pose extra problems on the ground. However, Ericsson has developed designs for a portable phone that would be little bigger than a current handset and be compatible with both terrestrial and the Inmarsat systems.

If satellites can put the world's remote places on the phone, the telephone could generate its own business. Local economies could be stimulated by the availability of telephones for the first time, and there is a small but significant stream of talented people — such as software developers — who are moving to very remote places to work.

A significant few may well like the idea of working from a yurt on the Great Mongolian Plain, just as soon as they can get a data line back to Silicon Valley.

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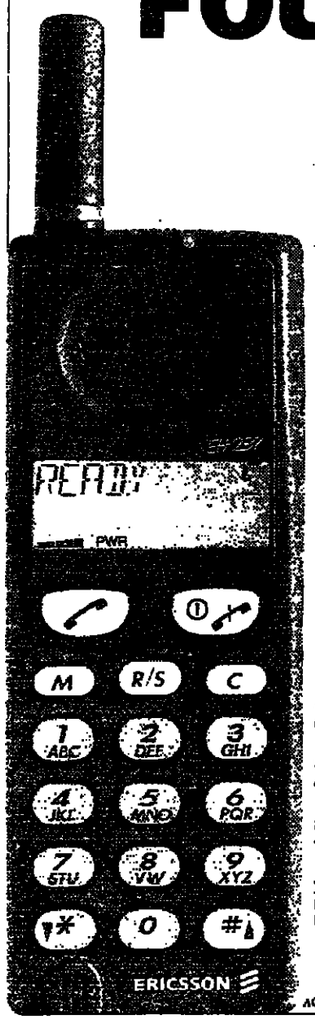
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THEATRE: **Jeremy Kingston** joins the exuberant fans dancing in the aisles at the restaged, all-singing, foot-tapping show

Grab your shades and trilbies

The Official Tribute to the Blues Brothers
Comedy

IF THIS is the official tribute, where does that place the show, simply titled *The Blues Brothers*, that ran at the Whitehall throughout 1991? Was that not quite blue enough? Aquamarine instead of real navy? The new version is said to be the 1991 show entirely restaged, but a restaging should not upstage a predecessor, and the news that two further songs have been added to the original 30 raises a dizzying thought. With about 10,000 soul, blues and rhythm 'n' blues numbers in the available repertoire, the years ahead could bring us *The Really and Truly Official Tribute* and *The Honestly We Do Mean It This Time*.

What the present title turns out to mean is that David Leland's world-touring production has received the blessing of Dan Aykroyd and the widow of John Belushi, the two guys who made shades and trilbies cult objects through their television show and the subsequent film. John played Jake and Dan played Elwood, or maybe the other way round, and everyone loved the way they delivered.

And everyone at the Comedy loved the new guys, me included, though the line-up underwent an eleventh-hour substitution. Simon John Foster broke his foot at the Sheffield Crucible last weekend, so that Mark White's Jake had to introduce a new brother Elwood (Giles New). All three — because Foster makes an appearance on crutches and in his wheelchair — sport identically sallow complexions, real or applied, suggesting that none of them has seen the sun for decades. This, with the deadpan expressions and the shades immovably welded across the eyes, give them the look of hyperactive fish.

The show lasts two hours and contains nothing but songs, usually prefaced by a waggish, but still deadpan, intro. A young audience jerked their heads to the beat, howled in joyful recognition at the start of the songs and cheered at the end of them. The dancing in the aisles started early, and by "Gimme Some Lovin'" the dancers were standing two deep at the front of the stalls. Most of the stalls remained standing after that and, come the frenetic "Soul Man", nearly everyone in the theatre was jigging.

Leland's direction is smart and fast, spotlights rake performers and audience, and at times so many red and blue lights were flashing across the stage that the place looked like the cockpit of a jumbo in terminal descent. The dancing by White and New, backed by the Three Bluettes, is comically, deliberately simple, relying on quick, synchronised steps sideways, interrupted by the occasional hand-clasp, hunched run and arm uplifted to heaven.

The arrival of the wheelchair-bound Foster, introduced as Great Uncle Elwood, gave me the giggles. Yes, I know that breaking a bone is no joke, but the sight of his plastered foot sticking out in front like a signpost while he swayed from side to side, unsmilingly, frenziedly, at the same time belting out the "Na na na na na" choruses of "Land of a Thousand Dances" — well, it just looked crazy.

The high spots include Foster's elegiac "Under the Boardwalk", White taking us through the sing-a-long sheet, panto-style, of "Flip, Flop, Fly", New snapping at "Rawhide", and Paul Murphy (of the Bluettes) wearing a purple bell-tent, gabbling out the Cab Calloway choruses of "Minnie the Moocher". I had forgotten the classic couplet, "She had a dream about the King of Sweden./He gave her things she was needin'."

I should not like to see a compilation show every week, although this is the direction in which the West End seems to be moving, but an evening like this is a real tonic. Shades and trilbies can be purchased from the nun in the lobby.

MARILYN KINGWILL



The brothers are back: Mark White and late substitute Giles New belting out a golden oldie as the deadpan Blues Brothers, Jake and Elwood (or is it Elwood and Jake?)

DANCE

Jumble on the boards

Parabolas
The Place

THE boards, various in size and shape, but all slightly curved, must partly explain the title *Parabolas*. But I am pretty sure that something more abstruse, more meaningful, is intended. The only problem is that after sitting through this piece by Imlata Dance Company, part of the Vivarta festival, I'm at a loss to *guess what it might be*.

True, there are a lot of curves in the movement which Jayachandran has ranged for his four dancers, but that is still a physical thing. The fact that they are Londoners and he from India might be significant; the contrast in manner and mood between the two halves perhaps more so.

All evening the dancers, a man and three women, spend a lot of time moving those boards around, standing them upright, laying them down, jumping over them. But in the first half their dances are for the most part knotty, twisting versions of ordinary European modern dance. After the interval, we see much more Indian content, with rolling eyes, fierce martial exercises, imitations of statues.

The costumes, curiously, change the opposite way. Angela Brook dresses them all in long white tunic coats and trousers to start, changing later to black and red pantsuits.

Michael Rosas Cobian's soundtrack chunters away merrily but unmemorably. It all comes over as a well intentioned jumble in which *the talents of four able dancers* do get rather lost.

JOHN PERCIVAL



A 16-page special report on the German Romantics, outlining the achievements of the artists, writers, composers and others who influenced much of the rest of Europe, will be published with *The Times* tomorrow. It coincides with the opening of the Deutsche Romantik festival on September 29 on the South Bank in London.

Sweet and sour birthday party

CONCERT: **Barry Millington** on an exhilarating night

LSO/Tilson Thomas
Barbican

THE stakes among the rival London orchestras have never been higher, and the LSO gave notice, opening its nineteenth birthday season on Wednesday night at the Barbican, that it has no intention of yielding an inch of its privileged position. Not only did the concert (repeated the following evening) launch the Mahler cycle under the orchestra's principal conductor, Michael Tilson Thomas, it also introduced a new work by James MacMillan, and presented the American actress Debra Winger as the narrator in a work by Tilson Thomas himself.

MacMillan's work, a ten-minute concert overture called *Britannia*, was commissioned by the Association of British Orchestras as part of the BT Celebration Series. A typical piece of unbridled exuberance with a serious edge, it begins with strains of Elgar and other reassuringly homely sounds, such as an Irish reel and a cockney drinking song.

But gradually one becomes aware, as the working out becomes more and more insistent, of the sinister undertones. The title, and indeed the patriotic themes woven through the texture, take on something of the quality of a Lindsay Anderson or Derek Jarman film. In his programme note, MacMillan draws attention to the "petty chauvinism that threatens to rear up once again in Europe", and although the cacophony of whistles and hooters brings a smile to the face, that smile is liable to freeze quickly, especially in a performance as electrifying as this one. The LSO's attack had the precision and force of a team of crack marksmen.

In Tilson Thomas's *From the Diary of Anne Frank*, the innocent opening music similarly acquires a sinister edge as the consciousness of horror slowly dawns. The work, which the composer describes as "a melodrama in the form of symphonic variations", was written for and with the late Audrey Hepburn, who gave its first performance in 1991. Winger, whose undisputed histrionic skills do not extend to imitating 13-year-old girls, gave a low-key delivery of the speaking role, her lack of engagement possibly dictated by the episodic nature of the part.

No composer deals more fruitfully with innocence and experience than Mahler, and no conductor has a more individual response to the dichotomy than Tilson Thomas. In the central movements of the First Symphony it took the form of heavily exaggerated across-the-bar phrasing, the second-movement Ländler acquiring an almost comically rustic lilt, while the clipped melodic lines of the funeral march spoke eloquently of the sweetness turned sour.

Tilson Thomas lives dangerously where parody is concerned, but nobody could accuse his interpretations of undercharacterisation. The triumphant finale built to an overwhelming climax, and even if this conductor's penchant for giving the brass their head deprived the ending of some of its warmth and humanity, one could not have asked for a more exhilarating start to what is sure to be an unmissable cycle.



Actress Debra Winger narrated Tilson Thomas's work

OPERA: **John Higgins** welcomes *The Mikado* back to the Coliseum

Yum-Yum? I should Ko-Ko

WHEN the box office needs a boost, turn to Titipu. The maxim has served the ENO well over the years and looks like doing the same at the start of the new season. For this revival some of the veterans have been called back to the colours, including Lesley Garrett and Bonaventura Bottone, both all teeth and smiles, as Yum-Yum and Nanki-Poo. Richard Suart, best of the Coliseum Ko-Kos, is back too. It could all seem a bit like the old D'Oyly Carte, except for one element. And that, of course, is Jonathan Miller's production housed in the White Hotel of Stefanos Lazarides.

Miller's success derives from his instinctive feel for the topsy-turvy world of Gilbert. Stand everything on its head and you will be there. So in the opening assembly the gentlemen of Japan look like Athenaeum members passing a weekend at Brighton. Enter a train of little ladies, and the plumpest middle-aged members of the chorus will be surely put in the front. All is faithfully followed in the meticulous restaging by the good doctor's regular revival director, David Rich.

He could speed up the Act I finale, but otherwise it is mainly a matter of making sure that the bell-hops get their feet a-tapping, the maids do their feather-dustering in time and the principals are given decent rein.

Richard Suart's Ko-Ko has been supplied with a new "Little list", sharp enough to warrant a script credit in the programme. The precise projection of every word speaks for his own spell with D'Oyly Carte. But his manic gestures look to be the work of Jonathan Miller as they contrast with the immovable calm of Pish-Tush (turned into a Welsh vicar out of Ben Travers by Arwel Huw Morgan) and the lofty dignity — except when the axe is nigh — of Ian Caddy's exemplary Pooh-Bah.

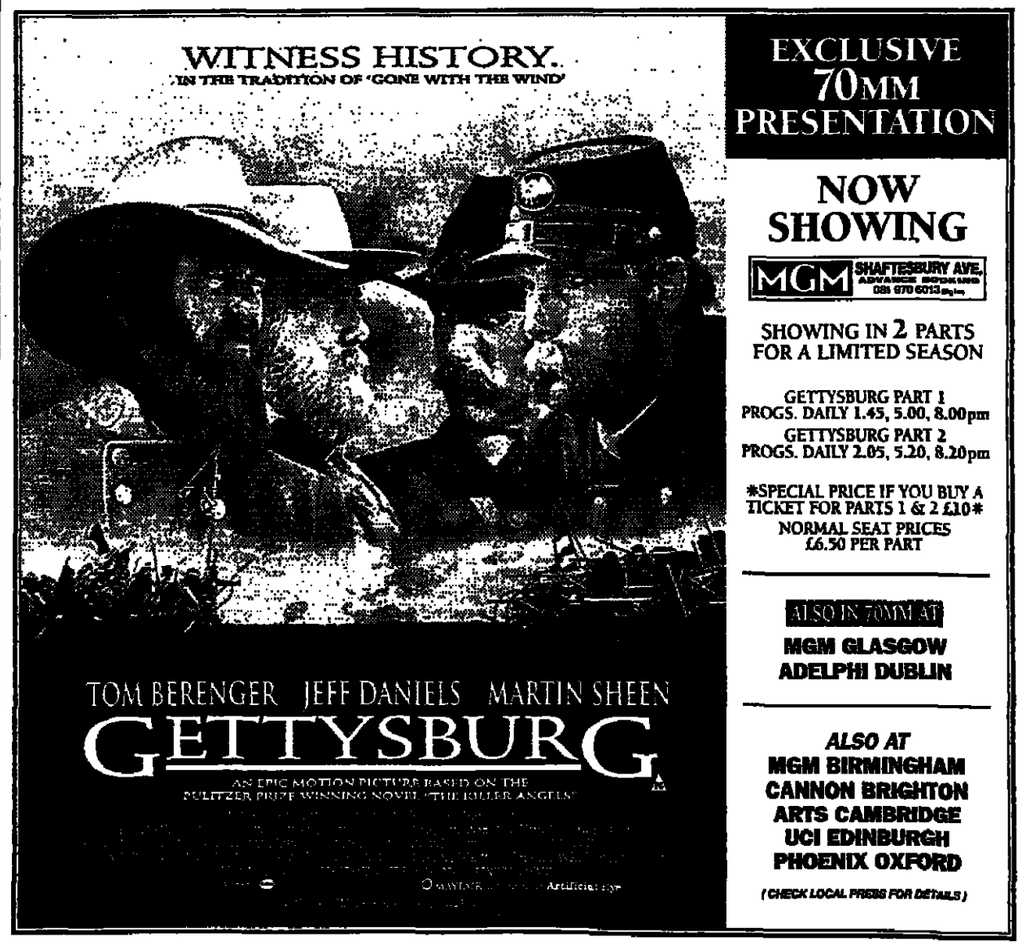
The three little maids enter sucking ice-creams on sticks, lolly-birds all. But they soon grow up. Lesley Garrett's self-regarding Yum-Yum looks quite mature already, but it is a pleasure to hear a soprano of her quality sing "The sun whose rays" and she dances exquisitely. Bonaventura Bottone's Nanki-Poo is all devotion and sweet tenorising as the threat of execution, rarely far from Gilbert's mind, comes and goes.

Sullivan was served less well by Sian Edwards, who conducted a lumpen overture. But as the run goes on, and Titipu helps to fill the Colly coffers, the fizz on stage could well spill over into the pit.

DONALD COOPER



Lesley Garrett (left) as Yum-Yum and Ethna Robinson as Pitti-Sing in *The Mikado*



THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
◪ **Some seats available**
☐ **Seats at all prices**

☐ **BABIES**: Jonathan Harvey's clever chaotic comedy, set at a schoolgirl's birthday party, where sexual longings get out of hand
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071 730 1745). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat. 3.30pm. ◪

◪ **LE CID**: Corneille's drama of honour and revenge, finely staged by Jonathan Kent. Excellent playing by Duncan Bell and Susan Lynch. Ranjit Bolt wittily translates
National (Cottesloe), South Bank SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Wed, 7.30pm; mats Sat and Tue, 2.30pm ◪

◪ **THE CHILDREN'S HOUR**. Clare Higgins and Harriet Walter as two schoolteachers accused of being lovers by a brat student. Howard Davies directs Hellman's powerful drama.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, 7.30pm, tomorrow, 2.15 and 7.30pm ◪

◪ **THE COUNTRY WIFE**. Max Stafford-Clark's stern vision of the harsh truths of Restoration immorality. Some laughs included.
Pit, Barbican Centre EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, 7.15pm, tomorrow, 2pm and 7.15pm. ◪

☐ **JOKING APART**. Alan Ayckbourn's black comedy about a "golden couple" whose generosity have appalling consequences for their friends. A good revival by Robin Herford.
Greenwich, Crooms Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Sat, 2.30pm. Until Oct 29. ◪

◪ **LET THERE BE LOVE**. Clarke Peters's narrative tribute to Nat King Cole. More than two dozen songs are dropped in, including many of the favourite hits. Peters does him proud.
Theatre Royal Stratford East, Gerry Raffles Square, E15 (081-534 0310). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 4pm. ◪

◪ **THE MORTAL ASH**: Richard Cameron's shrewd portrait of a Yorkshire family, victims of a hate campaign. Perceptive and warm, well worth seeing.
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3388). Mon-Sat, 8pm

Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 4pm. ◪

◪ **POOR SUPER MAN - A PLAY WITH CAPTIONS**: Brad Fraser's latest look at love, sex, death and confusion in the lives of youngish Canadians. Gripping performances, some bold sexual behaviour.
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Sat 4pm ◪

☐ **THE SISTERS ROSENSWEIG**. Transfer for the Greenwich Theatre production of Wendy Wasserstein's too cosy play. Three sisters (Maureen Lipman, Janet Suzman, Linda Bellingham) find happiness.
Old Vic, Waterloo Rd, SE1 (071-928 7616). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm and Sat, 4pm.

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Arcadia**: Haymarket (071-930 8800) ☐ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) . . . ☐ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . ◪ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) . . ☐ **Copacabana**: Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) . . ☐ **Crazy for You**: Prince Edward (071-734 8951) . . ◪ **Dead Funny**: Vaudeville (071-836 9987) . . . ◪ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) . . ◪ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) ■ **Grease**: Dominion (071-416 6060) ☐ **An Inspector Calls**: Aldwych (071-836 6404) . . . ☐ **Lady Windermere's Fan**, Albery (071-867 1115) . . ■ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) ☐ **The Miracle Worker**: Wyndham's (071-867 1116) . . ■ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal (071-494 5400) . . ☐ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) . . . ☐ **St Joan**: Strand (071-930 8800) . . ☐ **She Loves Me**: Savoy (071-836 8888) . . . ☐ **Starlight Express**, Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . . ◪ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi (071-344 0055) ☐ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

ABRAHAM VALLEY (PG): Veteran Portuguese director Manoel de Oliveira's rarified meditation on *Madame Bovary*. Filled with sly wit and beauty
Renoir (071-837 8402)

BRAINSCAN (18): A CD-ROM game gives a computer nut more than he bargained for. *Tame horror movie, with* Edward Furlong, Frank Langella and T Ryder Smith. Director, John Flynn
MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527) **Odeon Mezzanine** ◪ (0426-915 683)

◆ **CITY SLICKERS II** (12): Overly disjointed sequel to the 1991 hit, with Billy Crystal, Daniel Stern, Jon Lovitz and Jack Palance. Paul Weiland directs.
MGM Chelsea *(071-352 5096)* **Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Mezzanine** ◪ (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332) **Warner** ◪ (071-437 4343)

FAUST: Czech surrealist Jan Svankmajer's clever but ultimately tedious treatment of the legend. Live *action plus stop-motion animation*
Everyman ◪ (071-435 1525) **ICA** ◪ (071-930 3647)

GETTYSBURG (PG). Marathon TV-style account of the Civil War battles. No point of view, but quite impressive once the armies start fighting. With Jeff Daniels, Tom Berenger and Martin Sheen. Ronald F. Maxwell directs.
MGM Shaftesbury Avenue *(071-836 6279)*

CURRENT

◆ **CLEAR AND PRESENT DANGER** (12): Harrison Ford fights Government duplicity and Colombia's drug cartels. Phillip Noyce directs the best Jack Ryan adventure so far
Barbican ◪ (071-638 8891) **Empire** ◪ (0800 888911) **MGMfx: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** ◪ (071-727 6705) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332)

◆ **COLOR OF NIGHT** (18): Tawdry, unpleasant erotic thriller, with Bruce Willis as a therapist dogged by a murderer. With Jane March, director, Richard Rush.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096)

900 ONEONTA: Transfer to a more intimate theatre of David Beard's Gothic shock-horror satire of a rotten Southern family steeped in sex and incompetence. Totally over the top but weirdly exhilarating.
Ambassadors, West St, WC2 (071-836 6111). Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs 3pm and Sat 4pm

■ **ONCE ON THIS ISLAND**: Birmingham Rep's production of the Caribbean musical in which love defies differences of class and shades of colour, aided or thwarted by four gods and goddesses. Terrific island sets.
Island (formerly the Royalty), Portugal St, off Kingsway, WC2 (071-494 5080). Now previewing, 8pm ◪

☐ **ONLY THE LONELY**. Larry Branson in Bill Kenwright's musical on the life and songs of Roy Orbison. Great for fans of the "Big O."
Piccadilly, Denman St, W1 (071-369 1734). Now previewing. Opens Sept 27

◪ **THE PICTURE OF DORIAN GRAY**. *Complex staging of Wilde's* famous tale, set partly in the Twenties among members of Wilde's circle. Perhaps too clever to be successful but striking performances by Maria Aitken, Benedict Bates, Bette Bourne and Tim Pigott-Smith.
Lyric, King St, Hammersmith, W6 (081-741 2311). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm. Until Oct 15. ◪

■ **THE PLAYBOY OF THE WESTERN WORLD**: Thrilling performance by Aisling O'Sullivan in Lynne Parker's strong, tough and vivid production of Synge's comic masterpiece.

Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332)

DAZED AND CONFUSED (18): High school kids of 1976 drink, fight and philosophise. Mildly disappointing follow-up to *Slacker*
Gate ◪ (071-727 4043) **Metro** (071-437 0757) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Odeon Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Screen/Green** (071-226 3520) **Warner** ◪ (071-437 4343)

THE HUDSUCKER PROXY (PG). Hick becomes company boss. Ritzy comic pastiche from the Coen brothers, with Tim Robbins, Jennifer Jason Leigh and Paul Newman.
Barbican ◪ (071-638 8891) **Lumiere** (071-836 0691) **MGMfx: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Screen/Hill** ◪ (071-435 3366)

THE LAST SEDUCTION (18). Enjoyably amoral tale of sex, power and $700,000, with Linda Fiorentino as the femme fatale to end them all
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865) **Metro** (071-437 0757) **MGMfx: Fulham Road** ◪ (071-370 2636) **Piccadilly** (071-437 3561) **Odeons: Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Screen/Baker Street** (071-935 2772)

◆ **THE MASK** (PG). Strange mask turns mild bank employee into a wisecracking demon. Inventive vehicle for rubber-faced Jim Carrey, filled with the antic spirit of 1940s cartoons
MGMfx: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332) **Warner** ◪ (071-437 4343)

◆ **MR JONES** (15). *Contrived romantic* drama about a manic depressive (Richard Gere) and his doctor (Lena Olin). Director, Mike Figgis.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Odeons: Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426 915574)

LE PARFUM D'YVONNE (18): Elegant but empty revene from French sensualist *Patrice Leconte, with Hippolyte* Girardot, Jean-Pierre Marielle and Sandra Majani.
Chelsea (071-351 3742) **Renoir** (071-837 8402)

PEEPING TOM (18): Michael Powell's voyeuristic horror film of 1960, alternately clever, dull and unpleasant.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443)

◆ **SIRENS** (15): Oxford curate and his wife mingle with Australia's bohemians. Joyful, luscious romp, with Hugh Grant, Tara Fitzgerald and Elle MacPherson. Directed by John Duigan.
MGMfx: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Panton Street** (071-930 0631) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Odeon Mezzanine** ◪ (0426 *915683*) **Warner** ◪ (071-437 4343)

SLINGSHOT (12): Muted account of an eccentric childhood in 1920s Stockholm. Åke Sandgren directs.
Curzon Phoenix (071-240 9661)

SMOKING/NO SMOKING (PG): Ayckbourn adapted into French by Alain Resnais: exquisitely turned, but the *artifice gets wearing. With Sabine Azéma* and Pierre Arditi.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805) **Odeon Kensington** (0426-914 666)

◆ **TRUE LIES** (15). Schwarzenegger saves the world from Middle East terrorists. But what about his marriage? Overblown fun with Jamie Lee Curtis.
Empire (0800 888911) **MGMfx: *Fulham Road*** *(071-370 2636)* **Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332)

◆ **WOLF** (15): Jack Nicholson's beast within finally comes out. Amusing, intelligent werewolf movie, with Michelle Pfeiffer. Director, Mike Nichols.
Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** *(0426 915683)* **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Phoenix** (081-883 2233) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (792 3332)

POP ON FRIDAY: Loud guitars and beautiful doom as heard in the charts and on Radio 3 ...



Cranes — (from left) Mark Francombe, Ali and Jim Shaw, Matt Cope — have come a long way from sitting on the dock of the bay, wasting time

Pompey and circumstances

Cranes were living in Portsmouth, watching the sea, feeling glum and writing songs about it. Then they took the Cure and cheered up

CAITLIN MORAN

Portsmouth is too ugly to be considered a "seaside town", but too beautiful to be just a port. Looking out to sea, watching the Isle of Wight ferry endlessly shuttling backwards and forwards, and gawping at the occasional, *daring, end-of-September nude* bather, one is shocked to observe very large nuclear submarines rising from the bottom of the ocean and heading towards the naval base. Huge pleasure cruisers, lit up and looking like whole streets torn from towns and set adrift, *leave the port every hour. There are a* couple of hopeful ice-cream salesmen still on the beach.

This is where Cranes live. Almost their entire history is caught up in the town. Jim and Ali's parents' divorce, the separate houses they went to live in. *The brothel Jim lived above.* The two pubs it was safe for them to drink in, as they were considered too "weird" to go anywhere else. The tiny, leaking basement in which they recorded their debut mini album, *Self-Non-Self*, blowing their Giros for a month. The collection of miserable flats where they survived on potato-peel soup and bread. The desolate, broken clutch of cranes in the deserted dock, in front of which they did their first photo-shoot. Cranes history, like their music, is desolate and misery-struck.

"We walked around with balaclavas on in the week President Clinton visited town," Ali giggles, sloshing more red wine into the huge crystal goblets. "My street was the one he was supposed to escape down, if anything went wrong. There were all these FBI men hanging around outside. Jim would come down the street with a balaclava on, looking shifty . . ." "I look *shifty anyway,*" *her brother says.* ". . . and ring on my doorbell, just *looking* at the FBI men outside. We planned to give them a copy of the album if they ever arrested us, but they never did."

"Americans just don't *care* about their presidents any more," *Jim sighs ruefully.*

As beautifully miserable as Cranes may have been before, on record as in real life, they are now, as Ren and Stimpey would put it, "Happy! Happy! Joy! Joy!" Two years ago, Robert Smith of the Cure decided that Cranes' *Wings of Joy* LP (useful words to employ when talking knowledgeably about it: awestruck, tearstained, pure, orchestral, symphonic, very loud guitars, played on Radio 3, bizarrely enough) was his favourite of that year, and invited Cranes to come on the Cure's American tour.

Smith was so impressed by (a) Cranes' music, (b) Cranes' capacity to drink, and (c) Jim's magic tricks involving towels and lit cigarettes that he then invited them on the European tour as well. Cranes suddenly went from being a tiny, avant-garde band only heard of by *Melody Maker* readers and dedicated John Peel listeners, to playing to nearly a million people and flying all over the world.

"It did change us," Ali says. "Just seeing sunny places cheered us up. We were so used to rainy Portsmouth. I think that sometimes all these different places get *into* the music. What we wrote definitely got lighter, more summery."

The post-Cure tour album, *Forever*, was certainly more spacious, threaded through with sunlight and Spanish guitars. There was even a Top 20 hit, "Jewel", which shocked Cranes almost as much as it shocked *the compilers of the charts.*

"We were on our own tour of America at the time," Jim says, "and when the news came through we were jumping up and down and getting really excited. Our tour manager kept telling us to calm down, and we would for a second. Then we'd start jumping up and down again, shouting: 'Will we be on *Top of the Pops*, what will we wear if we're on *Top of the Pops*, will we do a dance, should we choreograph it, will our mums see it?' It was a brilliant moment. It was like the booty bag after the Cure tour party."

And then a year of silence. Ali moved to her new flat — it resembles a 16th-century boudoir, situated on the seafront — and Jim shaved all his hair off, partly because he was bored. They locked themselves into a studio to start their fourth album, the third proper. And they nearly destroyed the building.

"There's this thing called sub-bass," Jim says, slipping into his "techno boffin" mode, usually well concealed behind a drunkenly amiable facade, "and depending on the volume at which you play it, you can shake walls around and stuff. We'd been in the studio for three weeks when the people downstairs knocked on the door and asked us what the hell was happening. Apparently, leads were jumping out of their equipment, and we'd broken a couple of pictures with the vibrations."

"We were halfway through wrecking the building when we were asked to write the score for a ballet, and the soundtrack to a play by Jean-Paul Sartre *as well as* the album," Ali says. (The soundtrack and the score will be released *in winter 1995.*)

Well, Cranes music is ideally suited to ballet — but how did you cope with the pressure of writing so much in so little time? "There's a handy off-licence around the corner from the studio," Jim says. "In the end they started delivering the red wine in a truck to the studio, it saved them time."

"In a way, it was a bad thing," Ali says. "Going to the off-licence was the only exercise we were getting."

And so, as 1994 nears its close, the running order is like this: Best Band in the World: American Music Club. Best Solo Artist: Jeff Buckley. Best Rock Band: Manic Street Preachers. Best Band for Late-Night Turning Into Early Morning Music: Cranes. It's good to put things in order.

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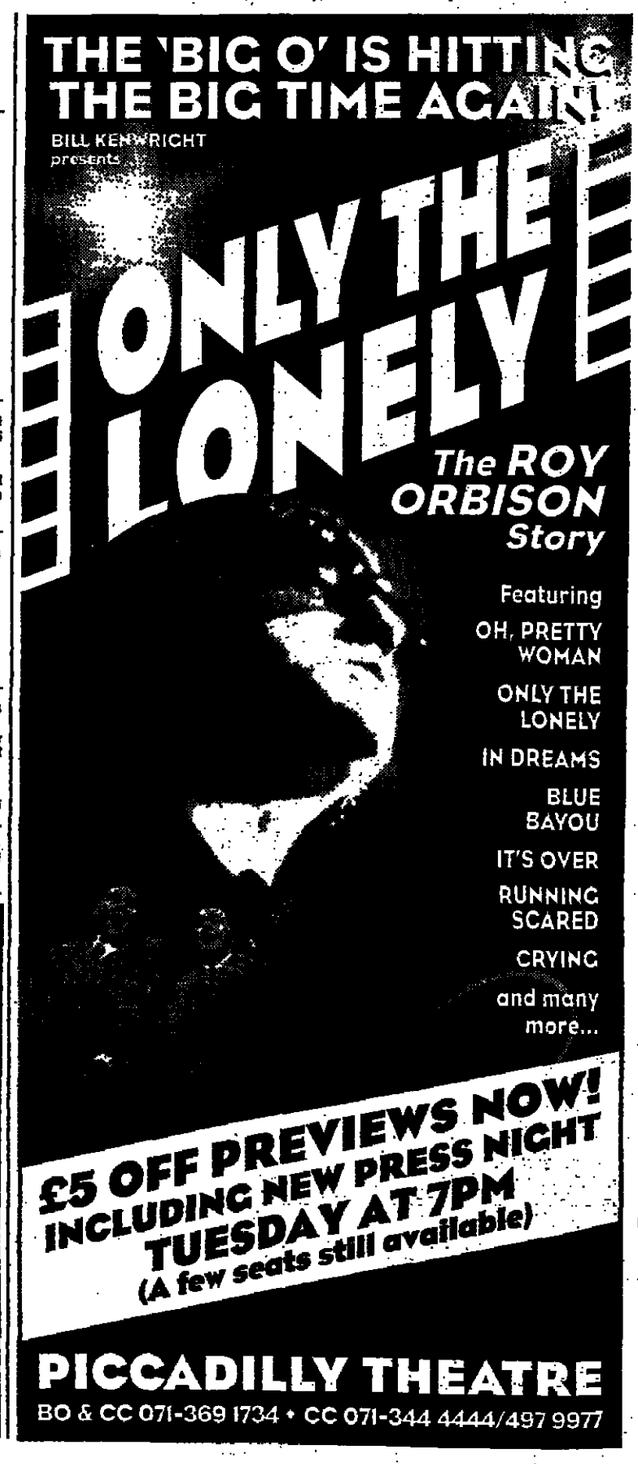
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Dinosaur Jr — (from left) J Mascis, George Berz and Mike Johnson — flew from America in order to play on *Top of the Pops*. How was it, guys? "Oh, it was hideous"

So Dinosaur Jr finally made it on to *Top of the Pops*. "Every time we put a single out we're always told to stand by to go on *Top of the Pops*," J Mascis, the founder and leader of the band, says in his deep, laconic croak. "And it never happened, so we stopped believing it. But this time we got a call at seven in the morning saying the car's going to pick us up in 20 minutes, and that was it."

Bundled on to a plane from New York, their suitcases hurriedly packed with already dirty clothes, the trio flew to London for the express purpose of appearing on Britain's premier pop music television show. How did it go?

"Oh, it was hideous." This is bass player Mike Johnson talking. He's the tall, blond one who looks as if he's just stepped out of a 1970s new wave group such as the Knack, but who insists that his clean-cut, suit-and-tie image is actually an attempt to emulate "the classic Perry Mason look". He is 29 and also talks very slowly, in a voice even deeper than that of Mascis.

In between these two Mogadon men is drummer George Berz, also 29. He's only been in Dinosaur Jr for two weeks, but is an old friend and seems to know more about the band than the other two put together. And he still talks normally, although it is anyone's guess how long that will last after prolonged exposure to Mascis and Johnson in the months ahead.

Convened nearly ten years ago in the university town of Amherst, Massachusetts, Dinosaur — the Jr was added in 1987 after a run-in with long-forgotten San Francisco band the Dinosaurs — soon joined the ranks of groups such as Hüsker Dü, Gone, Meat Puppets and Firehose, who all recorded for the SST label and played an especially vigorous strain of alternative rock known in those days as "hardcore". Having subsequently charted a steady course through the choppy ...ters of grunge, a movement which they did their bit to inspire, Dinosaur Jr could now be on the verge of a major breakthrough in America with their sixth album, *Without A Sound*.

An odd mixture of revving guitars and sweet, poignant melodies, dispatched in Mascis's meandering, semi-comatose drawl, the album is certainly the group's most accessible offering so far and looks set to be their biggest seller yet. But although written, produced and (apart from the bass parts) played virtually in its entirety by Mascis (he started his musical career as a drummer), he has little to say about the album.

"I just go away and write songs. Then I don't think much more about it," is about as far as he is prepared to analyse the subject of his music.

An unassuming, 28-year-old man with sleepy eyes and long, dark hair gathered beneath a cap bearing the legend Big Bertha (the name of a golf club), Mascis is renowned for his apparently indolent nature — "genius anchored in lethargy" as one commentator memorably put it. Long characterised as the prototype slacker, he understandably glazes over when the subject of his workshy reputation is raised.

"My general demeanour is not that high-energy," he mumbles uncomfortably, and an awkward silence descends on the room.

"Some people are highly strung and others are laid-back," Berz pipes up helpfully. "A lot of people I know who come from where we come are like that [indicating Mascis]. It's just a slower-moving place. It's out in the woods."

> A lot of the people who come from where we come are laid-back. It's just a slower-moving place. It's out in the woods

The conversation proceeds in fits and starts until a chance remark leads on to the subject of Beavis and Butt-Head — the teenaged cartoon morons spawned by MTV and recently seen, terrestrially, on Channel 4 — renowned for their unorthodox critiques of rock videos. "The town I grew up in is Beavis and Butt-head," Berz says. "I know the kid who sticks firecrackers up cat's asses and stuff." Suddenly, all three of them become unrecognisably animated.

Berz starts: "Hey, remember the *Krokus* video?" Gales of laughter. Johnson: "What about Overkill? That was so hilarious." Mascis: "I wish," Mascis says. "I could die in peace after that."

Once armed with the Beavis and Butt-Head key, unlocking the Dinosaur Jr philosophy is not that hard. Basically the world divides into things which are "cool" and those that "suck". On the cool side are the new Neil Young album, golf, Deep Purple, Kraftwerk, Elvin Jones, Max Roach, Nirvana, the Rollercoaster tour of Britain which they played with Blur, My Bloody Valentine and the Jesus And Mary Chain in 1992, and Jimmy Page and Robert Plant of Led Zeppelin whose "Unledded" TV recording they all trooped off to see on their one night off in London.

High on the list of items that "suck" are Woodstock II ("No, we weren't invited to play"), Crosby Stills and Nash, last year's Lollapalooza package tour of the States ("We'll start crying if we have to talk about that"), a dreadful pop duo called Shampoo who they came across on *Top of the Pops*, and Das Damen, a dodgy hardcore band who were signed to SST ahead of Dinosaur ("We really wanted to get on SST and they got on. I remember freaking.")

All three musicians are from well-to-do backgrounds — Berz's father is attached to the military, Johnson's is an estate agent, and Mascis's is a dentist — and have amassed between them 15 years of further education without a single degree or qualification to show for it. "Basically, university was a good place to get various bands together while avoiding having to get a job," Mascis says.

So, at the end of the day, how easy is it to be a rock musician? "It is work," Mascis says, "and you invest a whole lifetime in it before anyone even starts to evaluate what you've done. But at least it's something I want to do ..."

● *Dinosaur Jr play Brixton Academy, London SW9 (071-326 1022) on October 8. The album* Without A Sound *is out now on Blanco Y Negro/WEA*

CONCERT

Sixties for the twenties

Ride
Albert Hall

IN THE revolving-door world of indie rock, Ride are survivors. It was in 1990 that the weekly music press was in a collective tizzy about their refreshing mixture of 1960s-style psychedelic pop. Then, as the good ship Hyperbole has sailed on, they remain not just afloat but buoyant.

Ride's third album *Carnival of Light* went straight into the Top Five on its release in early July, and even if it slipped from sight before the end of that month, they sound increasingly at ease with their melodic approach to supposedly alternative music.

Their current British tour brought them, improbably, back to the Albert Hall for the second time in less than four months, following an appearance at the multi-artist tenth birthday bash for their record label, Creation.

The feeling of vague danger when a "cutting edge" band plays such an august venue was diluted by the group's appealing lack of attitude — few smiles but no sulks either. The audience, too, was polite — in their early twenties rather than teenaged.

They took the stage to the Nice's "America", recalling that band's flag-burning antics that had them banned from the hall before these four young shavers were born. Ride opened with the gently chugging "Moonlight Medicine", Mark Gardener taking a strong vocal lead, to be supported on most other numbers by fellow singer-guitarist Andy Bell.

The set included large chunks of *Carnival of Light*, such as "From Time To Time" and "Birdman", but also the still-unrecorded "Walk on Water" and a big cheer for "Twisterella" from the album *Going Blank Again*.

The boys of the Christ Church Cathedral School Choir, from Ride's home town of Oxford, were unveiled to reprise their contribution to the excellent new single "I Don't Know Where It Comes From" and, with equally little fuss, a string section was brought on to embellish "Drive Blind". Such attention to detail and not to budget was impressive indeed.

PAUL SEXTON

NEW ALBUMS: Kylie Minogue needs a new image again. This could be it

Cripes, Charlene, what's this?

KYLIE MINOGUE
Kylie Minogue
(deconstruction 74321 22749)
THE quest for a more meaningful role in pop has called for adjustments on various fronts by Kylie Minogue. Vital to the process was her change of record label last year, from the production-line hit factory of Stock, Aitken and Waterman's PWL to the ultra-credible dance label, "deconstruction", home of this year's Mercury Music Prize winners M People.

Updating her image was important too, initially transforming herself from pouting teen-queen to sultry sex siren and now, on the cover of *Kylie Minogue*, into a bespectacled, power-suited executive type who appears to be searching for a missing paper-clip.

And then there is the small matter of her music. The album's opening track, "Confide In Me", has already been a substantial hit single — nothing new there — but its unusually sparse arrangement and exotic mood also make it her most sophisticated recording to date.

Although the rest of the album fails to match that high-water mark, it is nevertheless a creditable collection that divides its time between upbeat dancefloor tracks such as "Time Will Pass You By" (produced and arranged by M People), lightweight funk grooves, including the Janet Jackson-influenced "If I Was Your Lover", and one or two smoochy ballads, notably "Dangerous Game" in which she stretches to the outer limits of her emotional and vocal range.

While hardly placing Minogue in the soul diva league, this is an album which successfully scrapes the pop fluff off her shoes and heralds a new maturity in her work.

MASSIVE ATTACK
Protection
(Wild Bunch/Circa 8 39883)
MASSIVE Attack's debut album, *Blue Lines*, proved influential out of all proportion to its relatively modest sales. Released in 1991, its mysterious combination of rap, dub, reggae and soul, featuring the spine-tingling vocals of Shara Nelson among others, opened up a world of possibilities on the interface between pop and dance music.

Nelson has since decamped to establish a solo career, and although Massive Attack was never a group in the conventional sense — more an umbrella organisation drawing on a pool of talented individuals — her presence is missed. Taking Nelson's place on "Better Things" and the title track is Tracey Thorn of Everything But The Girl, while on "Sly" and "Three" the vocal duties are assigned to Nicolette, a new Nigerian "discovery". Their performances, although perfectly serviceable, lack charisma. Indeed, compared to the previous album, the whole project has a drowsy, directionless feel to it.

Co-produced and mixed by Nellee Hooper of Soul II Soul fame (and producer of Björk's *Debut*), *Protection* drifts in and out of focus. The trancey, dancey grooves of "Karmacoma" and "Eurochild" have a certain bite, but a couple of instrumentals, "Weather Storm" and "Heat Miser", are little more than elegant doodles, while a horribly misjudged rap/dancehall version of the Doors' "Light My Fire" brings the album to a sorry end.

PORTISHEAD
Dummy
(Go! Beat 828 522)
FAR truer to the hazy spirit of adventure that characterised Massive Attack's 1991 debut is the first album from their fellow Bristolians Portishead.

Featuring the soulful, distracted singing of Beth Gibbons and the keyboard and programming skills of Gary Barrow, *Dummy* is a collection of strange, edgy hip-hop grooves, designed as if to accompany a slow-motion, cinematic dream sequence.

Scratchy old samples, jazz trumpet breaks, string arrangements and woozy, overcranked guitar solos contribute, at various times, to a mood of quiet, romantic desolation that gradually becomes utterly spellbinding.



Kylie Minogue makes a successful bid for adult acceptance by flaunting herself, completely naked beneath her clothes

LUTHER VANDROSS
Songs
(Epic 476656)
APPLYING a surgical precision to the task of elevating Luther Vandross to the rarified sales strata inhabited by megastars such as Michael Bolton and Elton John, *Songs* is a collection of modern pop standards designed to satisfy every commercial imperative.

"Endless Love", Vandross's comically overwrought duet with Mariah Carey, is already a huge hit, and there are plenty more where that came from. Starting with a gospel-tinged arrangement of the Stephen Stills song "Love The One You're With", and taking in such evergreens as "Evergreen", "Killing Me Softly With His Song" and "Hello", and ending about an hour later with a preposterously over-the-top reading of the ancient Broadway showstopper "The Impossible Dream", this is an album that leaves no stone unturned in the search for top quality schmalz.

Sumptuously produced and about as subtle as a set of gold-plated bathroom taps, it is presumably destined to be one of the best-selling albums of all time.

DAVID SINCLAIR

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NEW WAVES

The human league

A guide to the sounds and sensations of tomorrow, brought to you today

This is live, not sampled, say **Slowly** on their debut album. Entitled *Ming*, which immediately makes one think of something valuable and highly breakable sitting in a museum case, this record is too tough to be fragile and full of too much spiky life to be in a museum.

In fact, Slowly represent an interesting trend back to real-time music, made by humans but inspired by and mixed with the tricks and illusions of studio effects and machines. At various different points along a similar line are bands such as Italy's 9 Lazy 9 and America's highly rated and very intense Soul Coughing, who played in London and Manchester during the past week.

> An awful lot of live bands are extremely dull

In one sense, it is odd for Slowly to make an issue out of playing live. An awful lot of live bands are extremely dull, replaying rituals that were exhausted years ago. As for live venues, most of them are unspeakable. What is interesting is that out of ten members of Slowly, three are credited with production and one with decks (as in record decks). Not so live after all, then, but does it really matter? After all, Brand New Heavies play live, not sampled, and offer their audience a marvellous opportunity to study the special characteristics of tedium.

Perhaps Slowly should throw more emphasis on the fact that they do a terrific job of mixing reggae, funk and jazz with a very contemporary batch of sound enhancements. Lush, infectious and uplifting, although lapsing into easy listening for the odd worrying moment, *Ming* appears to be a summer album held over in order to smooth the difficult transition from hot nights to dark evenings and grey days.

DAVID TOOP

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ALPHABETICAL SUBJECT GUIDE TO DEGREE COURSES IN ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY

How the clearing system works

TODAY's listing of vacancies on engineering and technology degrees is the last in this year's service.

However, the hundreds of courses identified on this page demonstrate that there are plenty of places available for those making a late decision about higher education.

There have been few engineering courses withdrawn since the listings first appeared last month. Even in the more popular arts and social sciences, there are vacancies in many institutions.

Although term starts next week in many institutions, it is still not too late to find a course. At this late stage, the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service leaves admissions tutors and applicants to make their own arrangements.

After studying the lists, applicants should ring admissions tutors directly. Where possible, a campus visit is the most satisfactory *means* of negotiating late entry, but it should be possible to secure a place by phone and fax.

Even those courses that have been withdrawn from clearing are worth an inquiry when term starts: each year surprisingly large numbers of students fail to turn up despite accepting a degree place.

More than 265,000 people have accepted higher education places this summer. Although fewer have found places through clearing, this was partly balanced by the extra numbers meeting universities' initial requirements.

Despite speculation about a possible shortfall, a UCAS spokesman has predicted that his organisation's target of 270,000 enrolments will be met by next week.

ACOUSTICS
Salford: H671 (12)
Southampton: H723 (17), H722 (20), HW73 (17), H7F7 (17)
Surrey: F388

AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERING
City: H400, H401
Glasgow: H400, HHK5, HHL5
London, QMW: H400 (14)
NE Wales Inst: H400
Salford: H400, H420
Southampton: H406 (21), H407 (24), H420 (21), H421 (24)
Stockport Coll: H400
Strathclyde: H3H4
West of England: H420

AEROSPACE ENGINEERING
City: H422
Coventry: H400
Hertfordshire: H400, H406, H430, H438
Humberside: H400, H620
Kingston: H400 (8)
Liverpool: H420 (14), H425 (14)
Surrey: H345
Southampton: H406 (21), H420 (21)

AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERING
Bolton Inst: H340, H348
Coventry: J900
Kingston: H340 (4)
Newcastle: H341 (16), H342 (18)
Sunderland: H340
Swansea Inst: H6H9

BIOTECHNOLOGY
Strathclyde: J800 (16)

BROADCAST ENGINEERING
Brighton: H630
Liverpool John Moores: H198, H199
London, King's Coll: H621 (16)
UC Salford: H621, H998
Salford: J975

BUILDING/CONSTRUCTION
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Bath: K224 (16)
Bolton Inst: K200
Buckinghamshire Coll: K299
Brighton: K260, K250
Central Lancs: K201 (8)
Coventry: K2T2, K200, K240, K2T8, H201
De Montfort: K214
Doncaster: Foundation (apply direct)
Glamorgan: K200
Greenwich: K260
Heriot-Watt: K200
Hertfordshire: KN21, KN2C
Kingston: K250
Liverpool: K200 (10), K201 (10), K240 (12), K241 (12)
Luton: Y400, K260, K202, K201
Napier: K236, K262, K299, K260
Nene: K200
Nescot: K241
Nottingham Trent: K200
Oxford Brookes: K200, K440
Salford: K260, K2N1
Sheffield Hallam: K250, K260
South Bank: K202, K252, K260
Southampton Inst: K252
Strathclyde: K220 (12)
Thames Valley: K200
Ulster: K200 (14), K202 (12)
UCE: K260
UMIST: K258
Wolverhampton: KN28, K260, Y600
West of England: K252
Westminster: K236, K260, K200

BUILDING SERVICES ENGINEERING
Bath: K244 (16)
Hertfordshire: K240, K248
Central Lancs: K240 (8)
Coventry: K240
South Bank: K240
West of England: K200
Leeds Metro: K250
Loughborough: K240 (16)
Northumbria: K240, K248
Paisley: K206
Ulster: K240 (14)
UMIST: K240

BUSINESS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
Anglia: G599, G560
Bournemouth: G560
Buckinghamshire Coll. G562
East London: G561
Exeter: GN52 (16)
Greenwich: G562, G9N1
Paisley: G562
Sheffield Hallam: G564, G561
Southampton Inst: G562
Suffolk Coll: G561
Teesside: G562
Thames Valley: GP52, PP12, GP501, GP55
UCE: G561 (10), G522
UEA: GN54 (18)

CERAMICS
Kent Inst: W235
Leeds: J300 (12)
Staffordshire: J321, JG34, JG35, J320, FJ13, HJ63, FJ63, FJ33

CHEMICAL ENGINEERING
Aston: FH18 (24), H8T2 (22), H803 (20), H804 (20), H842 (20)
Bath: H800 (16)
Bradford: H800, H804, H893, H810, H811
Edinburgh: H800 (18)
Heriot-Watt: H366 (14), H802, H800 (14)
Huddersfield: F1H8
Leeds: H800 (18)
London, UCL: H814 (26)
Loughborough: H800 (14), H880 (14), H872 (14)
Newcastle: H800 (18), H801 (18), H890 (20)
Paisley: H800
Sheffield: H840 (18), H8T9 (18), HJ88 (18)
South Bank: H800
Strathclyde: H800 (12)
Surrey: H802, H800, H804, H842
Teesside: H800
UMIST: H800 (18), H870 (18), H875 (18), H8R1 (18), H8R2 (18)

CIVIL ENGINEERING
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Aston: H2T2 (16), H200 (14), H201 (14), H202 (14)
Bath: K201 (16)
Bolton Inst: H200, H208
Brighton: H200
City: H200, H201, H207, H206
Coventry: H203, H2TF, H260, H2T2, H208, H268, H200
Cranfield, RMCS: H200
Dundee: H200 (12), HK22 (12), HN21 (12)
East London: H200
Edinburgh: H200 (16), H250 (16)
Glasgow: H200, H2F6
Glasgow Caledonian: H200
Glamorgan: H200, H201
Greenwich: H200
Heriot-Watt: H360 (14)
Hertfordshire: H200, H208
Kingston: H200 (10), H202 (4), H260 (4)
Liverpool: H200 (12), H201 (12), H220 (12), H221 (8), HJ26 (12), HK23 (12)
Liverpool John Moores: H200, H208
Loughborough: H300 (16)
London, QMW: H200 (12), H201 (12), H2N1 (10), H2NC (10)
Napier: H200, HH23
NE Wales Inst: H200
Newcastle: H250 (12), H251 (12), H200 (12), H201 (12), H291 (12), H250 (12), H291 (12), H290 (12)
Nottingham Trent: H200, H201
Paisley: H200, H250
Plymouth: H200
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Salford: H200, H2T2, H204
Sheffield: H220 (18)
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Teesside: H200
Ulster: H200 (14), H202 (12)
Westminster: H200
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Liverpool: BF92 (12)

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Guildhall: Y400
Leeds: J300 (12)
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Nottingham Trent: GC51, GF51, GG51, GF53, GF59

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Plymouth: H620
Portsmouth: H620
Salford: H620, H621
Sheffield: H611 (14)
Staffordshire: H621, H620
UMIST: H645 (14)

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East London: G532
Luton: G601
UCE: G710
Wolverhampton: HW72

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Teesside: H611
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UEA: HG65 (14), HG6M
Wales, Bangor: H616 (8), H615 (8)

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Nottingham Trent: G501, G500, G501N
Sheffield: H620 (14), H643 (18)
Southampton: G520 (24)

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Humberside: H643
Sheffield: H642 (18)
Sheffield Hallam: H868, H668
Teesside: H640
Westminster: H640

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Anglia: H621
Bolton Inst: H760, H768
Cardiff Inst: H602
East London: LW12, WX23, FW92
Greenwich: K252
Hull: HH37
Luton: Y400, W230, H621, H646
Robert Gordon: W230
Staffordshire: H770
West Surrey Coll: N1W2

DIGITAL ENGINEERING
Dundee: GHM6
Luton: G532
Sunderland: H611
West of England: H660

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Glasgow: H111
Greenwich: EW72, EW7F
Liverpool John Moores: E7W2, EW72
London, Goldsmiths: E2W2, E4W2, E7W2
Nottingham Trent: EW72, GN51, E7G1, E7Y1
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Coventry: H580
De Montfort: H500, H600
Dundee: H6N1, HH56
East London: H580, HH5P
Edinburgh: HH56 (18)
Glasgow: GH5P, FH36, H616, H6F3, HH56, GHM6, FHH6
Glasgow Caledonian: H600
Glamorgan: H58A, H580, H600
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Leeds Metro: H682, H600
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Newcastle: HH56 (16), HH86 (18), H600 (16), H601 (18), HH5P (18), HH5Q (18), H692 (18), H693 (18)
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Sheffield: H500 (14), H600 (14), H611 *(14), H620 (14), H642 (18)*
Sheffield Hallam: H668, H698
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Southampton: H500 (18), H501 (22), HH35 (20), HH3M (22), H600 (24), H601 (24), Southampton Inst: H1N1
Stockport Coll: HH5P
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Strathclyde: HH53 (20), HH6M (14), HH5P (14), HH5Q (14), HH65 (14), HH6N (20), HHMP (20)
Sunderland: H580
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UMIST: H600 (14), H635 (14), H6R1 (14), HH56 (14), HH36 (14), H619 (14).
Wales, Bangor: H600 (8), H605 (8)
West of England: H600
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ELECTRONICS
Abertay Dundee: H6N5
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Sunderland: HV11
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Coulthard and Hill put aside differences

FROM OLIVER HOLT IN LISBON

THEIR bouts of mutual antipathy have become a matter of public record but Damon Hill and David Coulthard are not worrying about each other any more. As the Formula One season enters its final phase, the Williams-Renault team-mates sat in a wind-blown marquee in the hills above Lisbon here yesterday, their thoughts focused firmly on absent rivals.

Coulthard's season will finish earlier than the rest. After the Portuguese Grand Prix on Sunday — the eighth race he will have driven since he was drafted into the team after the death of Ayrton Senna — he will give way to Nigel Mansell for the last three races of the year in Spain, Japan and Australia.

Hill has been confirmed as one of the team's drivers next year and his partner is widely expected to be either Mansell or Coulthard. Despite a series of impressive performances, though, the Scot, 23, admitted yesterday his future may depend on how fast Mansell drives on his Formula One return after two years racing in the IndyCar series in the United States.

"I guess I will be more interested in Mansell's performance than anyone else's," Coulthard said. "If he goes out and is blindingly fast, it would then be fairly clear-cut who would be in the car next year. But somehow I don't think that will happen.

"Some people are saying he is past it, that he is too old. But quick drivers are quick drivers and he may do a few things that even Schumacher has not learnt yet. He knows every trick in the book. Still, whether he will be quicker than Damon or not is difficult to say.

"My seven races seem to have passed by in the blink of an eye. I am talking to other teams but I want to stay at Williams and I just have to wait for their decision at the end of the season."

Hill's worries about his future at Williams, which appeared to be weighing heavily on him, were swept away earlier this week when Williams announced he would drive for the team in 1995. But he is still 11 points behind Michael Schumacher — who is serving the second of a two-race suspension — in the chase for the drivers' championship and knows he needs to take full advantage of his absence on Sunday if an exciting denouement is to materialise.

"David and I had an argument before the Belgian Grand Prix but it was just a misunderstanding," Hill said. "It has been difficult to get to know my team-mate because I have had so many other things to consider. The business of a contract for next year has been something of a distraction and there have also been insinuations about my ability. All I need to say is that I won the last race and the race before that. I will not be put off by detractors.

"This weekend was always going to be slightly devalued by the fact that Michael is not around. I am looking forward to when he is back. That is when the fun will really start."

If the misunderstanding between Hill and Coulthard has been cleared up, so, if the International Motor Sport Federation (FIA) is to be believed, has any room for ambiguity in the interpretation of the rules of the sport. In the aftermath of Benetton's recent escape from punishment, despite their admission of tampering with a fuel filter, the FIA announced changes for 1995 yesterday.

Teams will have to take responsibility for changes made by any member, no matter how junior, and they will be deemed to be cheating if any device not discussed with the stewards is found on their cars. They will also have to make the source codes for all computer systems on their cars available to the FIA before each race.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Lewis, left, the WBC champion, tells McCall that he is No 1 during a lighter moment at their press conference

Dollar pay-days lure Lewis away

BY SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH followers will likely never see Lennox Lewis compete in Britain again after the defence of his World Boxing Council heavyweight title against Oliver McCall, of the United States.

At the final press conference for the bout at Wembley Arena early on Sunday, Lewis said: "It will be my last fight in Britain. After that I will go to America and clean up all the champions."

Lewis said he was going to the United States for economic reasons. It is almost certain that slow ticket sales for the bout convinced him of the correctness of his decision. "The reason for going to America is basically to be where the people demand Lennox Lewis," he said.

"They demand me here but it's really due to economics that I am going to America. HBO pays a great deal of money and the casinos pay a great deal of money to have the fight in America. If we had more of that kind of backing over here, there would be more fights over here."

Lewis's team has always regarded the United States and Canada as ideal countries because of the huge site fees that big stadiums and casinos offer. With only Americans standing in his way to being accepted the best heavyweight in the world — Riddick Bowe, Michael Moorer and Mike Tyson — and the bouts with each of them being multi-million-dollar affairs, the move should come as no surprise. Frank Maloney, Lewis's manager, said: "Fights against people like Bowe and Tyson simply could not go on in this country because there is just too much cash around in America."

Lewis will be missed by British supporters. Even though he was never truly seen as a Londoner because it was felt that, being brought up in Canada, he had a preference for life across the Atlantic, Lewis was regarded here as the best heavyweight this country has produced.

No big-fight face-to-face with Don King present — yesterday looking for all the world like a bishop in his purple sweater, surmounted by a diamond crucifix as big as the Ritz — would be complete without some outrageous hype.

McCall provided it with a sudden outburst against the men on Lewis's side of the dais. He claimed that his mother had been insulted by one of them and, throwing off his coat, insisted if one of them would stand up now, he would hit him. Nobody stood up.

McCall claimed he would have gone through with his threat — insults to his mother could not be tolerated. Coming from the poor side of Chicago, he has learnt to live by one simple rule: "It is better to be judged by 12 men than be carried out by six."

At an earlier press conference in New York, Dan Duva, the American joint presenter of the bout, mentioned that Lewis sent flowers to his mother, and, turning to McCall, is alleged to have said: "Bet you never did that." McCall took the comment as a gross insult — and claimed it will give him even more reason to give Lewis a hiding.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Third seed survives Charman's challenge

THE Talking Pages Open squash championship almost produced a first upset at Windsor yesterday when Linda Charman, the England No 8 from Sussex, pushed the third seed, Cassandra Jackman, of Norfolk, into five unexpectedly difficult games. Charman, 22, from Heathfield, has recently changed coaches and showed some sharp front-court work in the early stages of the match. She eventually lost 4-9, 9-5, 5-9, 9-1, 9-7, despite leading the 21-year-old former world junior champion 7-2 in the final game. Jackman meets Robyn Cooper, of Australia, in the second round today.

Suzanne Horner, the top seed and national champion from Yorkshire, beat Donia Leeves, the British junior champion, 9-0, 9-10, 9-0, 9-0, 9-0 and went through to meet Philippa Beams, from New Zealand. Sue Wright, of Kent, Jane Martin, of Northumbria, Fiona Geaves, from Gloucestershire and Senga Macfie, of Scotland, also progressed to the second round from yesterday's early play.

Ambrose is ruled out

CRICKET: Curtly Ambrose, the West Indies fast bowler, will miss the forthcoming tour of India because of a shoulder injury that requires surgery. Ambrose sustained the injury while playing for Northamptonshire and missed the last two county championship fixtures. Barrington Browne, 27, a fast-medium bowler, will replace Ambrose on the tour, which runs from October 5 to December 14.

☐ Worcestershire have appointed the former Zimbabwe captain, David Houghton, as coach on a three-year contract.

Autissier forges ahead

YACHTING: While most skippers competing on the first stage of the BOC Challenge solo round-the-world race were complaining of light conditions yesterday, three rivals pulled out huge gains as the winds favoured those to the north. Isabelle Autissier extended her lead yesterday to more than 120 miles over Steve Pettengill's American yacht, *Hunter's Child*, which was pushed into third place by South Africa's *JJ Provoyeur*, which was swept up from seventh to second overnight. Another to make great gains has been Giovanni Soldini and his Italian 50-footer, *Kodak*.

Boardman faces truth

CYCLING: Chris Boardman, who won the world time-trial championship in Sicily last month, ends his continental season tomorrow in the 84km (about 52 miles) Grand Prix des Nations near Verdun, France. Armand de Las Cuevas, the 1993 winner of Europe's classic "race of truth", beat Boardman into fourth place but will not ride because of exhaustion. Tony Rominger, the Swiss specialist, who has beaten Boardman twice in the past fortnight, is favourite to repeat his 1991 victory an the event, first held in 1932, that has never been won by a Briton.

Armour looks sound

BOXING: *Johnny Armour returns after a seven-month* break to defend his Commonwealth title against Shaun Anderson, of Scotland, at York Hall, London, tonight. Although chastened after 150 hours of community service for getting into a fight outside the ring, the Chatham bantamweight will not be inhibited when dealing with the Scot. Anderson, a late replacement for Steve Mwemu, of Kenya, who failed a medical, will be going 12 rounds for the first time. He has boxed only two eight-rounders in his 13-bout career. Barring cuts, there is little chance of an upset.

BOWLS

SWINDON: All-England mixed fours championship: *Semi-finals*: Bolton (G Niven) bt Plymouth Civil Service (J Stringfellow) 17-16; Fareham (C Bailey) bt Norfolk (M Christmas) 24-16. Final: Bolton bt Farham 21-10.

BROADSTAIRS: Open tournament (selected results): Men: Pairs: Fourth round: D Orrin and C Tingey bt J Devitt and R Slater 21-10; B Medhurst and D Crighton bt R Acott and J Hamill 21-12; B Gillman and M Arnold bt F Cuthbert and G Harris 22-16; N Blanop and C Terry bt G Cocks and J Dawey 22-11; H White and D Tickner bt L Williams and H Blake 22-18; A Rogers and D Harris bt S Meston and R Ruggall 21-20; D Hoddinnott and E Lang bt J Flood and F Dean 26-12; R Lawrence and K Skuse bt G Andrews and D Zapp 26-10. Women: Pairs: Third round: N Biddlecombe and E Mason bt M Chalfans and M Kemp 23-22; M Medhurst and E Wright bt K Knott and V Andrews 22-16; E Jackson and E Wathen bt A Kent and D Philimore 22-11; D Stamped and J Stern bt J Pudney and D Reeves 25-14.

BOXING

CARDIFF: Light-heavyweight: N Piper (Cardiff) bt C Oliver (US) rsf 5th rnd. Super-featherweight: D Phillips (Llanelli) bt S Edwards (Haverfordwest) retired 5th rnd. Flyweight: M Hughes (Swansea) bt G McGrath (Warley) pts. Light-middleweight: R Washer (Swansea) bt J Robinson (West Ham) pts. Bantamweight: N Swain (Glasch Goch) bt Y Vorajas (Nuneaton) rtd injured 1st rnd.

CRICKET

OVAL: Six-a-side tournament: India 69-0 lost to Pakistan 73-1; England 76-2 bt Cricket Legends 63-3; Cricket Legends 76-1 bt India 76-2; England 79-2 bt South Africa 74-1; West Indies 66-1 bt Australia 62-5; India 61-1 lost to England 62-0.

FOOTBALL

Late results on Wednesday

COCA-COLA CUP: Second round, first leg: *Aston Villa 5 Wigan 0; Brighton 1* Leicester 0; Chelsea 1 Bournemouth 0; Hartlepool 0 Arsenal 5; Ipswich 0 Bolton 3; Leeds 0 Mansfield 1; Liverpool 2 Burnley 0; Millwall 2 Sunderland 1; Newcastle 2 Barnsley 1; Norwich 3 Swansea 0; Notts Forest 2 Hereford 1; Port Vale 1 Manchester United 2; Shelf Wed 2 Bradford 1; Swindon 1 Charlton 3; Watford 3 Tottenham 8

BOB LORD TROPHY: First round, first leg: Gateshead 2 Stalybridge 3.

SCOTTISH COCA-COLA CUP: Quarter-finals: Celtic 1 Dundee Utd 0; Falkirk 1 Aberdeen 4; Hibernian 1 Airdrie 2.

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Bolton 5 Tranmere Rovers 3; Sheffield Utd 3 Notts County 1; West Bromwich 3 Everton 3. Second division: Hull 0 Blackpool 2.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: Second division: Bath 0 Birmingham 5; Bournemouth 0 Cardiff 4; Exeter 1 Plymouth 2.

ULSTER CUP: *Semi-final: Linfield 3 Distillery 1.*

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Bishop Auckland 0 Guiseley 1. First division: Congleton 0 Worksop 1; Gretna 0 Netherfield 3.

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Darwen 0 Clitheroe 2; Nantwich 2 Salford 1; Penrith 3 Blackpool Rovers 1; Rossendale 0 Bradford Park Avenue 4.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Carlsberg Cup: First round: Premier and first division: Chesham 3 Grays 1; Bognor Regis 1 Aldershot Town 2.

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Cwmbran 2 Maesteg Park 0; Caerphilly 2 Ebbw Vale 4; Inter Cardiff 3 Llanelli 0.

JEWSON SOUTH WESTERN LEAGUE: Cup: Truro 5 St Austell 6.

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: Second division: Ashington 2 Easington 1; Billingham Town 4 Brandon 1; Crook 3 Darlington CS 0, Langley Park 0 Evenwood 2; Morpeth 4 Norton 6; Whickham 2 Willington 2.

FA TROPHY: First qualifying round replay: Caernarfon 1 Leicester United 2.

DUTCH LEAGUE: Roda JC Kerkrade 1 Ajax Amsterdam 1; Willem II Tilburg 4 FC Volendam 0; SC Heerenveen 0 Feyenoord Rotterdam 4; NEC Nijmegan 0 FC Twente Enschede 1; Go Ahead Eagles Deventer 4 RKC Waalwijk 2; Sparta Rotterdam 1 PSV Eindhoven 1; Dordrecht '90 0 Vitesse Arnhem 0; FC Groningen 0 MVV Maastricht 1.

GERMAN LEAGUE: 1860 Munich 1 Bayern Munich 3.

ITALIAN CUP: Second round, second leg (aggregate score in brackets): Palermo 0 AC Milan 1 (1-1, Milan win 3-2 on penalties); Inter Milan 0 Padova 1 (3-1); Torino 4 Monza 2 (5-2); Foggia 5 Como 0 (7-0); Atalanta 2 Cagliari 1 (2-2, Cagliari win on away goals); Perugia 1 Parma 0 (1-1); Fiorentina 2 Udinese 0 (4-2); Vicenza 2 Sampdoria 1 (3-5); Modena 1 Lazio 4 (1-9); Piacenza 1 Bari 1 (2-1); Ficiolis Andria 1 Napoli 1 (3-4); Lecce 2 Cremonese 2 (3-3, Cremonese win on away goals); Genoa 2 Cesena 0 (3-0); Brescia 1 Reggiana 1 (1-2); Chievo 1 Juventus 3 (1-3).

PORTUGUESE SUPER CUP: Second leg: Porto 0 Benfica 0 (Aggregate 0-0 — replay to be played on neutral ground).

SOUTH AMERICAN SUPER-CUP: First round: First leg: Atletico Nacional (Col) 0 São Paulo (Br) 2. Second leg: Cruzeiro (Br) 4 Olimpia (Par) 0 (Cruzeiro win 4-2 on agg). Nacional (Uru) 0 River Plate (Arg) 1 (River Plate win 3-2 on agg).

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Chile 1 Bolivia 2 (in Santiago).

SCHOOLS: Charterhouse 1 Stayning 0, Shrewsbury 2 Hulme GS 1, Boodle and Dunthorne Independent Schools Football Association Cup: Batley GS 5 Dewsbury 1. English Schools Trophy: Southampton 2 Portsmouth 1.

GOLF

PALM BEACH, Florida: PGA Cup: United States v Europe (United States names first): Fourballs: R Acton and T Smith bt A Baguley and R Mann 4 and 3, J Lewis and J Lee bt C Hall and N Job 4 and 3, T Cleaver and W Chapman lost to R Weir and J Harrison 3 and 1, J Roth and R McDougall bt D Jones and H Stott 3 and 1. Fourballs total: United States 3 Europe 1. Singles: R Acton bt D Jones 3 and 2, T Smith lost to C Hall 2 and 1; J Lewis br R Mann one hole; R McDougall lost to C Mailman 2 and 1; J Roth lost to A Baguely 3 and 2; P Oakley bt J Harrison 6 and 5; G Bowman lost to J Higgins 6 and 4; J Lee bt H Stott 2 and 1; W Chapman bt R Weir 4 and 3; T Cleaver bt N Job one hole. Singles total: United States 6 Europe 4. Final total: United States 15 Europe 11.

EUROPEAN TOUR SCHOOL: Pre-qualifying: Leading second-round scores (GB or Ire. unless stated): Manchester: 135: * F Valera (Sp) 69, 66. 137: S Pullan 69, 68. 139: N Roderick 69, 70; J Hawksworth 71, 68; E Simser (Ger) 72, 67. 140: K Mellor 70, 70. 141: M Studde 73, 68; R Robertson 73, 68, * D Harding 72, 69.

Quisthwaites: 139: M Stokes 69, 70. 140: B McGovern 71, 69; 142: P Ryall 73, 69. 143: R Cotter 68, * A Armes 70, 73, G Marks 70, 73. 144: I Falau (Sp) 72, 72; M Hesselden 71, 73; W Longmuir 72, 72; J Sallat (Fr) 73, 71; D Lee 71, 73; R McCann (US) 72, 72. Collingtree Park: 141: M Persson (Swe) 71, 70; A Beal 73 68. 142: C Lamsin (Ven) 71, 71; 143: G Farr 72, 71, L Cammalleto (Arg) 69, 75; 144: * F Jacobson (Swe) 71, 73; 145: F Rasmussi (Fr) 71, 74; S Henderson 76, 69; * D Fisher 71, 74; A Cabrera (Arg) 71, 74. Slaley Hall: 144: J Hodgson 73, 71. 147: R Winchester 74, 73. 148: R Walker 77, 71, S Bannerman 74, 74. 149: Michael Scholz (GA) 75, 74; G Pooley 72, 77. 150: A Rait 79, 71; C Laurence 76, 74. 151: M Pullan 77, 74; N Watton 74, 77.

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BEN FRANCIS CUP: Pill Harriers 5 Blackwood 34; Ponypool Utd 16 Gemdiffaith ...

CLUB MATCHES: Bonymaen 67 Gorseinon 0; Llandovery 47 Cardigan 5; Treorchy 71 Gwernyfed 0; Rosslyn Park 36 El Monte Glencias CR (Sp) 5; Abertillery 25 Blaenau Gwent 5; Trebanos 13 Vardre 13.

SCHOOLS: *Daily Mail under-18 cup:* Preliminary round: Chatham House GS 10 Dartford GS 3; Goffs 0 Colchester VI Form Col 0 (Colchester go through as away side); King's Ely 100 Sir Yennoll 0; King's Rochester 63 Leigh CTC 5; Newcastle-under-Lyme 22 Mt St Mary's Col 8; Portsmouth GS 10 RGS Guildford 20; St Edmund's Ware 20, RGS Colchester 26; St Joseph's, Ipswich 6 Davenant Foundation 32; Wellington GS 20 Maidstone GS 5; Warwick 5 Bromsgrove 7; Worcester VI Form Col 23 New College, Telford 12; Other matches: Birkenhead 28 Stockport GS 26; King Edward's Birmingham 18 King Edward's Camp Hill 5.

SNOOKER

MOTHERWELL: Regal Masters: First round: J Wilson (Eng) bt D Henry (Scot) 5-1. Quarter-final: K Doherty (Ire) bt M Hallett (Eng) 6-4.

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: First division: Poole 61 Wolverhampton 35; Cradley Heath 54 Eastbourne 42.

SQUASH

WINDSOR AND ETON CLUB: Open tournament (Eng unless stated): First round: S Horner bt D Leaves 9-0, 9-10, 9-0, 9-0; P Beams (NZ) bt R Macree 9-3, 9-3, 9-2; C Owens (Aus) bg C Levine (Isr) 9-1, 9-3, 9-3; S Macfie (Scot) bt N Tipett (Aus) 9-3, 9-1, 9-5; C Jackman bt L Charman 4-9, 9-5, 5-9, 9-1, 9-7; R Cooper (Aus) bt S Bradey (Aus) 5-9, 9-6, 9-3, 9-2; C Nitch (SA) bt S Spacey 9-0, 9-2, 9-1; J Mamin bt R Grinham (Aus) 8-4, 9-0, 3-9, 9-3; F Geaves bt T Weeks (Aus) 9-6, 9-4, 8-9, 2-9, 9-6; H Wallace (Can) bt M Bell (Aus) 9-1, 9-0, 9-2; S Wright bt S Shabana (Egypt) 9-0, 9-4, 9-1; V Cardwell (Aus) bt L Marsh (NZ) 9-1, 9-1, 9-6, S FitzGerald (Aus) bt T Shinson 9-2, 7-9, 9-0, 9-0; S Schone (Ger) bt T Malik (Wales) 9-3, 9-2, 10-8.

TENNIS

EALING: LTA Summer satellite tournament: Marc Flinal: A Foster (GB) bt N Weal (GB) 7-5 6-3.

TOKYO: Women's tournament (Japan unless stated): Second round: A Sugiyama bt N Sawamatsu 6-3, 6-1; M Wendel (US) bt J Helard (Fr) 6-1, 6-1; A Frazier (US) bt K-A Guse (Aus) 6-2, 7-5; A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) bt D Graham (US) 6-1, 6-2; M Endo bt K Date 7-5, 2-6, 6-4; G Sabatini (Arg) bt D Monami (Bel) 6-1, 6-2; N Miyagi bt L Davenport (US) 3-6, 6-4, 6-4; S Hack (Ger) bt Y Yoshida 6-1, 6-0

MOSCOW: Women's tournament: Second round: M Maleeva (Bul) bt K Kschwendt (Ger) 6-1, 6-2; E Likhovtseva (Kaz) bt J Hutarova (Slovenia) 6-1, 6-2; H Sukova (Cz) bt L Coumbs (Bel) 6-2, 6-3; E Makarova (Russ) bt T Ecmanica (Yug) 6-3, 6-0; E Callens (Bel) bt P Begerow (Ger) 6-1, 6-0; S Cecchini (It) bt R Dragomir (Rom) 6-3, 0-6, 6-3; S Farina (It) bt B Reinstadler (Austria) 2-6, 6-3, 6-0; S Appelmans (Bel) bt T Panova (Russ) 6-1, 6-0.

YACHTING

BOC CHALLENGE (leading positions at 06.00 GMT yesterday with miles to Cape Town). Class 1: 1, Ecureuil Poitou Charentes II (I Autissier, Fr) 5,896 miles; 2, Hunter's Child (S Pettengill, US) 5,970; 3, Vendee Enterprises (J Van den Heede, Fr) 5,991; 4, Queen Anne's Battery Marina (M Gatehouse, GB) 5,994; 5, Scota Catperson (C Auguin, Fr), 5,996, 6, Ben Vio (J Provoyeur, SA), 6,011; 7, Coyote (D Scully, US), 6,043; 8, Gartmore Investments (J Hall, GB), 6,128; 9, Thursday's Child (A Taylor, US), 6,186. Class 2: 1, True Blue (D Adams, AUS), 6,041; 2, Kodak (G Soldini, It) 6,049; 3, Newcastle Australia (A Nobauer, Aus), 6,117; 4, Shutan-Dohll II (M Saito, Japan), 6,151; 5, Jimrock II (C Vaughan, GB), 6,160; 6, Sly Catcher (N Rowe, GB), 6,178, 7, Henry Hornblower (H Mitchell, GB), 6,261; 8, Protect Our Seallife (N Petersen, SA), 6,313; 9, Cornwall (R Davis, GB), 6,320.

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SINH

(b) In Mathematics, a convenient abbreviation for the *hyperbolic sine*, which I am not going to explain here. "Sinh *x* and cosh *x* are of course the hyperbolic sine and cosine of *x*, viz. ½(*eX* - *e-X*) and ½(*eX* + *e-X*)." There is no "viz." or "of course" about it.

TZOLKIN

(c) The cycle of two hundred and sixty days constituting the sacred calndar of the Maya, the Mayan word. "The Maya maintained two distinct counts. For religious purposes they used a sacred year (tzolkin) made up of thirteen twenty-day units."

VOLKERWANDERUNG

(a) A migration of a people or peoples *en masse*, *spec.* that of Germanic and other peoples in Europe during the later Roman Empire and the early Middle Ages, from the German *völker* the plural of *völk* folk or people + *wanderung* wandering or migration. Arnold Toynbee, *A Study of History*, 1934. "The last convulsion of the post-Minoan Völkerwanderung along the west coast of Anatolia."

TAMASHEK

(b) The Berber language spoken by the Tuaregs, also *Tamachek*. "Thus old Egyptian *annuk* = 'I'; for which the Berber Tamashek has *nek*. 'He' is in old Egyptian *entuf*, in Tamashek it is *enta*."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 Rxd5! wins a pawn as 1 ... exd5 allows 2 Qxe8+ mating. The tricky 1 ... Rf5, hoping to exploit White's vulnerable pieces, is safely met by 2 Qd6.

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Adrian R Stanway Liquidator.

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EXTRAORDINARY RESOLUTIONS (Pursuant to S.378(1) of the Companies Act 1985 and S.98(1) of the Insolvency Act 1986)
Resolution of Sporting Entertainment International Limited
Passed 12 August 1994
At an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above named Company duly convened and held at Acre House, London WC2 on the 12 day of August 1994 the subjoined Extraordinary Resolutions were duly passed, viz:
RESOLUTIONS
"That it has been proved to the satisfaction of this meeting that this Company cannot by reason of its liabilities continue its business, and that it is advisable that the same should be wound-up; and that the Company be wound-up accordingly."
"That Austin Scott Alleyne FCA of 115 New London Road, Chelmsford, Essex CM2 0QT and Alfred Brian Bates FCA of 115 New London Road, Chelmsford, Essex CM2 0QT be and they are hereby appointed the Joint Liquidators of the Company for the purpose of such winding-up."
At a subsequent MEETING OF CREDITORS of the above-named Company, duly convened, and held at New Connaught Rooms, London WC2 on 25 day of August 1994 it was resolved that Austin Scott Alleyne of 115 New London Road, Chelmsford, Essex, CM2 0QT and Adrian Richard Stanway of St. Andrews House, 20 St Andrews Street, London, EC4A 3AY be and they are hereby appointed the Joint Liquidators of the Company for the purpose of such winding-up.
Signed: Chairman.
Witnessed By: Certified Accountant.

Notice to creditors to send claims
The Insolvency Act 1986
Mayfair Executive Business Centre Limited
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the creditors of the above-named company are required on or before the 31st day of December 1994 to send their names and addresses and the particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their solicitors, if any, to A R Stanway of Coopers & Lybrand at Hillgate House, 26 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7PL, the Joint Liquidator of the said company, and if so required by notice in writing from the said joint liquidator, or by their solicitors, or personally, to come in and prove their said debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
DATED this 16th day September 1994
A R Stanway Joint Liquidator.

Number of Company. 2633691
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Witnessed By: Certified Accountant.

The Insolvency Act 1986
High Court No 5788 of 1993
Peter Johannes Amatus Theloff
(In Bankruptcy)
In accordance with Rule 6.124 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, I, Edward John Wacey of Buchler Phillips, 84 Grosvenor Street, London, W1X 9DF, give notice that I was appointed Trustee in Bankruptcy in the above matter on 6 August 1994.
Dated 20 September 1994.
Edward John Wacey Trustee.

PUBLIC NOTICES

MONOPOLIES AND MERGERS COMMISSION REPORT ON THE SUPPLY OF CONTRACEPTIVE SHEATHS

The Minister for Corporate Affairs, Neil Hamilton, announced on 15 September that undertakings have been secured from condom manufacturer LRC Products Limited (LRC) following a report from the Monopolies and Mergers Commission (MMC).

1. The MMC report: "Contraceptive Sheaths – A report on the supply in the United Kingdom of Contraceptive Sheaths", was presented to Parliament by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry by command of Her Majesty and published in March 1994 (Cm 2529). copies of the report may be obtained from Her Majesty's Stationery Office.

The Nature of the Undertakings

2. The MMC made one adverse public interest finding in its report. This concerned LRC's agreements with three of its customers that they should only stock LRC condoms. The MMC found that these agreements were attributable to a monopoly situation.

3. LRC have undertaken, not to enter into, or carry out any agreement with wholesalers or retailers under which LRC gives, or agrees to give the other party, a material benefit – whether in the form of special payments, higher discounts or in any other form – in return for the party's undertakings to stock only LRC condoms, or not to stock the condoms of any other named supplier.

4. LRC have also undertaken, as far as is reasonably practicable, to put in place the arrangements necessary to ensure that its staff comply with the above requirement.

5. Copies of the text of the undertakings and associated press release are available from The Press Office, Department of Trade and Industry, Room 801A, Ashdown House, 123 Victoria Street, London SW1E 6RB.

Charles Bridge, Assistant Secretary
Department of Trade and Industry 15 September 1994

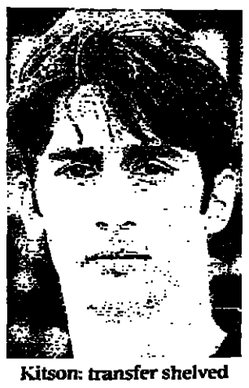
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Kitson's move collapses under agent's demands


Kitson: transfer shelved

BY LOUISE TAYLOR AND JOHN GOODBODY

PAUL Kitson returned to Derby County yesterday after Newcastle United refused to adjust their pay structure and accommodate the forward's personal demands. County Durham-born, Kitson had been on the point of signing for his boyhood idols, the clubs having finally agreed a £2.25 million transfer fee.

The former England Under-21 international striker duly arrived on Tyneside on Wednesday afternoon with his agent, Kevin Mason, intending to finalise "personal terms".

It became evident on Wednesday night that Kevin Keegan, Newcastle's manager, was not prepared to meet Mason's demands. Keegan asked Kitson and Mason to sleep on his offer in their Newcastle hotel. Yesterday morning the parties reconvened but both stuck firm to their original positions and the deal collapsed.

Keegan said yesterday: "I'm disappointed and the player showed that he was disappointed too. Sometimes I feel arranging the transfer fee is the easy bit — it's the wages and signing on fees that are the hard parts. Nothing amazes me about football transfers. We weren't that far apart but on principle Newcastle United are not prepared to break the club pay structure. You've got to have a pay structure and it's there to be kept."

Kitson, 23, who had apparently set his heart on joining Newcastle, began his career at Leicester before moving to Derby three seasons ago. Unproven at Premiership level he is yet to fulfill his immense potential.

Accordingly Keegan could not guarantee him a first-team place, Kitson being required primarily as cover for Peter Beardsley and/or Andy Cole. The latter has recently signed a contract reputedly worth £7,500-a-week basic. Bonuses can boost this to £13,000-a-week.

Oxford United, the second division leaders, yesterday signed signed David Rush, the Sunderland striker, for £100,000 in time to be included in the squad for the home match against Leyton Orient tomorrow. Gary Stevens, the former England full back, has joined Tranmere Rovers from Rangers on a month's loan with a view to a permanent move.

Alan Sugar, who has injected £8.8 million of his own money into Tottenham Hotspur since he became chairman of the Premiership club in June 1991, warned yesterday that there was no money to reinforce the club's porous defence.

Sugar, nevertheless, speaking at a lunch of the Sports Writers' Association, emphasised how enthralled he now was by being involved in football. "The bug, the buzz, the nervousness — I have fallen for the game, hook line and sinker. Every time we go to play somewhere it is like a cup final. The grounds are packed and the crowds get tremendous value for money."

Sugar said he would not allow Terry Venables, who will want to watch players in his role as England coach, to be a guest at matches at White Hart Lane. The Tottenham chairman said that Venables, sacked as chief executive of the club in May 1993, would not be welcome "until he apologises to me and until he stops suing us".

Celtic's route to the Scottish Coca-Cola Cup final will take them via Ibrox Park, the home of their Glasgow rivals, Rangers. Celtic were yesterday drawn to play Aberdeen in the semi-finals on Wednesday, October 26, and as Celtic are in temporary residence at Hampden Park, Ibrox offered the only suitable alternative for the all-premier division tie. An extra 13,000 places will be available for the tie.

The Airdrieonians v Raith Rovers semi-final, which guarantees a first division club a place in the final on November 27, will be at McDiarmid Park, Perth, the previous evening.

SEMI-FINAL DRAW: Airdrieonians v Raith Rovers (Oct 25, at McDiarmid Park, Perth); Celtic v Aberdeen (Oct 26, Ibrox).

Luyt claims World Cup will shock amateurs in Britain

BY DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

LOUIS Luyt's determination to make himself the most unpopular individual in world rugby continues unabated. That his country's playing discipline, referees and administrators have all come under severe fire this year seems to matter little to the president of the South African Rugby Football Union (Sarfu), whose latest target is the amateurism both of rugby union and those in Britain who run it.

"Rugby is no longer an amateur sport," Luyt declares in next month's edition of *Rugby World*, published today. "The only problem we've got is with people who maintain it is. The World Cup's going to be a rude awakening for these people. Players are entitled to share some of what we all get out of the game and I can tell you that, after the World Cup, the game will become officially commercial.

"If people over in England don't like it, then that's tough because that's the way it is going to be. Commercial is the same thing as professional as far as I'm concerned. It might take a little longer before the players are actually paid for turning out, but there won't be any more rules preventing them earning as much as they can out of the game."

Luyt forecasts that the third World Cup, to be held in South Africa next summer, will be an outstanding financial success but criticises the organisation of the 1991 tournament, held in Britain, Ireland and France: "It was laughable," he said.

"I promise you, in every sense of the word, they are true amateurs over there in your country. You seem to have a great problem with your five nations, who can't seem to agree on anything. They were fighting over who was allowed to wear World Cup blazers. They'd spend hours discussing petty matters such as this and who qualified to go to dinners.

"If I had been given the 1991 World Cup financial report two years later, which is precisely what happened, I would have fired the lot of them. The whole affair was shabbily run. You will find that this time the Rugby World Cup will be professionally run. You will see the most spectacular success and an awful lot of money will be made."

Luyt's views are in direct conflict with those expressed this week by Dudley Wood, the Rugby Football Union secretary, who said that all the competing countries will sign a participation agreement that obliges them to conform with the amateur regulations.

Tries and statistics mount in rugby's new world order



Gerald Davies on the expansion of a sport and the standards now being set by its elite performers

THIS is going to be a bit ticklish. What follows may be thought defensive. It is, I promise you, not meant to be.

Last weekend in Bucharest, in the game against Romania, Ieuan Evans scored his 21st try for Wales, overtaking a record shared by Gareth Edwards and myself. You see the ticklishness? I hope the point I intend to make will not be construed as being churlish.

First, there is more about Evans. That he has been captain on 25 occasions is another record, as is the fact that he has led his country to 13 victories. With 48 appearances, he is the most capped Welsh wing. Furthermore, in the next nine months — when Wales play at least nine matches — he could become the most capped Welsh player of all time. He would overtake J. P. R Williams who, with 55 caps, holds the record. The record books are being rewritten.

This should not be at all surprising. In recent years the game itself, under duties it now imposes upon players, has had to be rewritten. International rugby is not what it was: quite simply, there are more games. The advent of the World Cup has significantly changed the landscape, because of the number of matches in the competition itself and the games that countries arrange in preparation. After the 1995 finals there will be more qualifying games.

Tours are more frequent, and countries once interpreted as being of "no-cap" standard are now accredited with international status. There is no exclusivity any more, which is as it should be. There can be no sniffy segregation from on high as to who does or does not deserve to be part of the international club. The World Cup, with which — because of creeping commercialism — not everyone in this club feels at home, has at least helped to democratise rugby.

Everything and everyone now counts. The diehards and former international players in Scotland, for example, may cough and splutter when they learn that a cap will be awarded in their first match in the World Cup next summer, against Ivory Coast. The rugby world has clearly moved on.

That Evans should have beaten the Welsh record will please him, but it should not satisfy him. In the changed circumstances there are different standards to aim for. David Campese, of Australia, Rory Underwood, of England, and John Kirwan, of New Zealand, have operated in this new environment and have, respectively, accumulated 60 tries in 83 matches, 37 in 65, and 35 in 59. Serge Blanco, of France, the only non-wing in this list, scored 38 tries in 93 matches.

These are the modern standards of achievement to aim for, not those of 20 years ago. It is, I am afraid, a cold, calculating business. For further interest, Brendan Mullin, who played between 1984 and 1992, holds the Ireland record with 15 tries in 45 games, while Scotland seems to have remained in a time warp. They have to return to the years between 1924 and 1933 to find I. S. Smith as their top try-scorer with 24 in 32 games. Defying the thread of this case, this remains the best average of all.

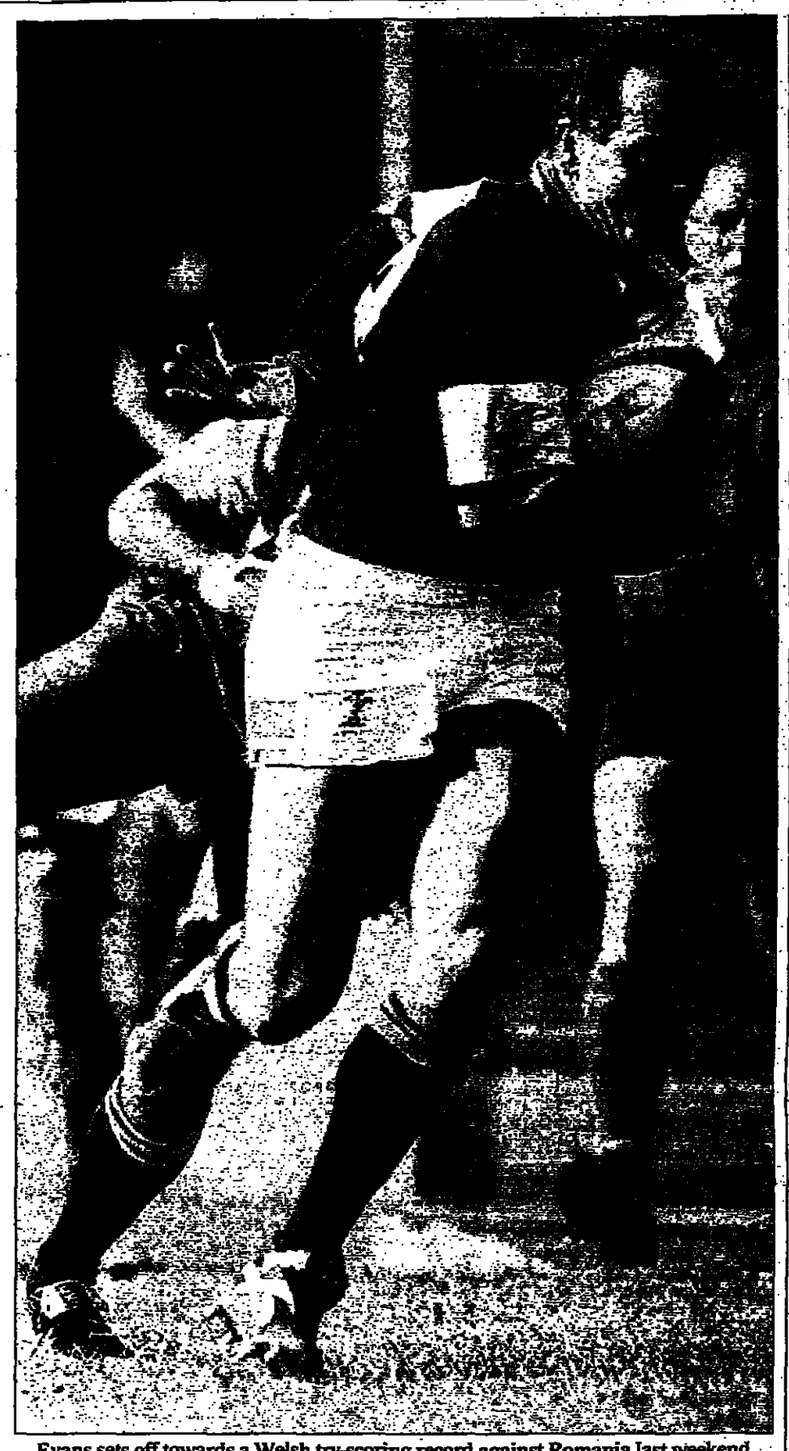
Tries are quantifiable, but how valid are they in a team game, in any assessment of a player's talent? Rugby cannot be considered in the same way as, say, track events in athletics. Rugby teams are strong or weak and are infinitely variable. For a team player, much depends upon those around him, and some tries are better than others. In athletics, while the weather is changeable, the running lane is not: the distance covered is established and fixed. And the clock remains as unforgiving as ever.

A try-scoring record cannot be as substantive of a player's skill as a world record in the 110 metres hurdles. There, on the track, the performer above all is alone. Only Colin Jackson at that moment could do it. The batsman, too, although part of a team, cuts a solitary figure at the crease while scoring 501. Only Brian Lara could do it. Nobody else.

Ieuan Evans's great talent is defined not by the number of tries he has scored but by the flashing, singular moments of his brilliant career, as against Scotland in 1988 and 1994, England and Ireland in 1993, and Romania last week. There were others: for the British Lions against Auckland last year, and for Llanelli against Australia two years ago. In these he stood alone by his efforts. The film of these moments is a more reliable testimony to his gifts than any statistic.

IEUAN EVANS'S 21 TRIES

v Ireland: 1 (1987); 1 (1993).
v Canada: 1 (1994); 4 (1987 World Cup).
v Scotland: 1 (1988), 1 (1994).
v France: 1 (1988).
v Western Samoa: 1 (1991 World Cup).
v Spain: 3 tries (1994).
v Portugal: 3 tries (1994).
v England: 1 try (1993).
v Japan: 2 tries (1992)
v Romania: 1 try (1994).


Evans sets off towards a Welsh try-scoring record against Romania last weekend

Yarwood's putting touch gives her share of the lead

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN LIGNANO

A PAIR of Lancastrians revelled in the muddy conditions at Lignano golf club yesterday and shared the lead in the BMW Italian Women's Open when darkness halted a first round that had been delayed for two hours because of rain.

Lora Fairclough, whose tournament was nearly ended by something she ate, joined Tina Yarwood, whose putting was revitalised by something she read, on 67, five under par, two shots ahead of Maureen Madill, of Ireland.

Fairclough, more or less back to normal after ridding herself of the mushroom pizza she suspected of doing the damage, was settled by a wonderful birdie three at the second on this picturesque and testing course. She had driven into a bunker but hit a masterful five-wood to 15 feet and holed the putt. Out in 34, two under, she proved herself in excellent health with a strong finish — three birdies in the last six holes — and did not drop a shot.

Yarwood, doing a more than passable impersonation of a player of quality, put her previous lack of success this season, a string of missed cuts and no finish higher than 31st, down to her fallibility on the greens. The statistics seemed to bear her out.

She had 27 putts in her 67 — out in 32, she dropped only one shot, at the 11th — and did not three-putt once, a near-miraculous transformation for a player who had suffered the frustrations of "five and six three-putts a round", always culminating in the unkindest cut of all — missing out by a single shot week after week.

That explains her position on the money-list — 114th, with earnings of £1,226. Her ends are met because not only is she sponsored by Cable North West, a cable television company, but she also teaches and, occasionally, has a hole-in-one. At the New Skoda Scottish Open in August, she won herself £2,500 for just such a feat.

On the Madill front, there is an interest to be declared — she is your correspondent's sister and objectivity will be in short supply if she continues to be a bogey-free area, as she was yesterday.

EARLY LEADING FIRST-ROUND SCORES (GB and Ire unless stated): 67: T Yarwood, L Fairclough. 69: M Madill. 70: S Moon (US), S Hodge, J Arnold (NZ), E Farquharson-Black, M-L de Lorenzi (Fr). 71: L Wilms (Holl), V Michaud (Fr), K Cayce (US), J Allmark (Swe), P Sterner (Swe). 72: S Gautrey (Aus), N Nicolle, C Hjelmarsson (Swe). 73: * M Prell (It), K Wunsch (Sp), C Figg-Currier (US), A Arruti (Sp), C Matthew, D Patterson (US), E Knuth (Sp), K Douglas, C Dibnah (Aus), D Reid, D Dowling. 74: S Elliott, R Hetherington, E Orley (Switz), N Fink (Austria), P Meunier (Fr), K Parker (US), B Pessina (SA), L Hackney, G Stewart, J Forbes, J Morley, I Mascort (It), L Navarro (Sp).

* denotes amateur

True fly half who always insisted on having a ball

David Hands finds Stuart Barnes's autobiography an impressive addition to the existing rugby canon

ONLY Stuart Barnes would choose to launch his autobiography in the Polish Club, Kensington. Maybe he saw it as the symbol of a rugby career that took him to undreamed-of heights but persisted in remaining, for all but a few fleeting moments, firmly on the wrong side of the international window.

Barnes has never been your typical rugby player. He takes pleasure in the fact that life offers far more than just a ball game, and made sure that he had a ball along the way before retiring this year at the age of 31 to pursue a career in the media.

Smelling of Roses - a Rugby Life has no time for pedestals or pomp. Deflation and Barnes go together, just as they did that memorable May day at Twickenham in 1992 when his dropped goal suddenly snatched back for Bath a Pilkington Cup that seemed so close to Harlequin lips. Yet, throughout the text of a book that Barnes wrote without ghostly assistance one searches for the essence of the man.

Perhaps it comes close to the end, when Barnes describes taking a seat on the terrace of a South African hotel this summer and watching the sun go down with an Afrikaner journalist, Louis de Villiers. South Africa has always loomed large on Barnes's horizon — his loathing of apartheid, his campaigning for the ANC, and the undiluted pleasure of meeting a man worth calling hero, Nelson Mandela.

"I listened to [de Villiers] and discovered more about South Africa than all my second-hand reading has taught me," Barnes writes. "I drank red wine with Louis and grew to appreciate the complexity of the world."

You could claim that Barnes has never quite appreciated the complexities of the world, yet remains a more interesting character for that. His trenchant views on subjects as diverse as Thomas Hardy and the intricacies of stand-off half play are well rooted in practical research and make him a far more worthy study than many of his contemporaries.

Take Barnes on his career-long duel with Rob Andrew, 59 times an England player to Barnes's ten: "I have always considered myself a truer fly half ... I feel Rob is a pure believer in the equality of each member of his team. His role is that of another cog in the wheel."

Barnes on England coaches: "Despite his elevation to the post of England coach, Dick Best had singularly failed to establish any autonomy as B coach. It remains a mystery as to why Dick did not demand consistency in his selection. Mike Slemen ... like Best, is unassertive."

So, just a handful of caps for Barnes, but that was never what he was about. His rugby career was about fulfilment and the pleasure he has given all of us in his sometimes tortuous search for that end, making this, far more than most, a worthy addition to rugby's literature.

Smelling of Roses — a Rugby Life by Stuart Barnes (Mainstream Publishing £14.99).

Doherty overcomes Hallett to break champion's jinx

BY PHIL YATES

KEN Doherty became the first defending champion in four years to negotiate his opening snooker match at the Regal Scottish Masters when he beat Mike Hallett 6-4 in the quarter-finals at Motherwell Civic Centre yesterday.

Doherty, who beat Alan McManus 10-9 in the final 12 months ago, played exceptionally well after Hallett, a wild-card entry, had established a 2-0 lead.

The Irishman, who begins the 1994-95 season at a career-best seventh place in the world ranking, will meet Ronnie O'Sullivan, the United Kingdom and British Open champion, or James Wattana, of Thailand, on Saturday for a place in the final.

Doherty looked in danger of becoming the victim of another surprise in a tournament that tends to produce more than its fair share of upsets when Hallett won the first frame on the black, the second with a run of 80 and a scrappy fourth to lead 3-1 at the mid-session interval.

Doherty, however, had signalled what was to follow in the second half of the match by constructing a 137 total clearance in the third frame. The score superseded a 136 in the Benson and Hedges Masters last year as his highest break in five seasons as a professional and put Doherty in a strong position to collect the tournament's £5,000 highest-break prize. Clearly, it also gave him a considerable boost in confidence. On the resumption, Doherty added scores of 97, 111 and 58 to edge ahead 4-3.

Hallett, an unexpected 5-3 winner against John Parrott in the first round on Wednesday, broke Doherty's momentum by taking the eighth frame 111-0 with runs of 36 and 75 but, after levelling at 4-4, the former English professional champion committed a number of costly mistakes. An 87 break, fashioned from little more than a half-chance, saw Doherty regain the lead at 5-4. After both players had squandered early opportunities in the tenth frame, he put together a run of 46 to progress.

Doherty's hard-fought success ended a jinx on returning champions at the event that began when Stephen Hendry failed to win his opening match in 1991 and continued with defeats for Hallett in 1992 and Neal Foulds last year. The victory guarantees Doherty prize-money of at least £13,500, from a tournament total of £155,000.

"It's still a new experience for me to come into a tournament defending the title and that in itself led to a lot of nervousness," Doherty said.

Champions take stage with untried cast

BY ALIX RAMSAY

Alix Ramsay previews the women's hockey season which swings into action on Sunday after a summer of wholesale changes

AFTER the trauma of England's poor performance at the World Cup in Dublin, it took a while for the dust to settle as the leading lights in women's hockey made for their bolt-holes to lick their wounds in peace and try to put the experience behind them.

But the respite was short. Back on the domestic scene, the long league season begins on Sunday with all 24 clubs across the three divisions facing a hard winter, still without a sponsor for the league, many miles to cover in the home-and-away format and, for the international players, the European championships next June and Great Britain's attempt next autumn to qualify for the Olympics.

Activity has been frantic among the premier division clubs in the National League with a spate of resignations, retirements and relocations as the players indulged in a game of musical clubs over the summer.

The worst affected are Leicester, the champions. They lost their coach, Dave Cawthorn, when he resigned in mid-summer. After taking the side to their first national league title, he had had enough of the divisions within the squad and between his supporters and his detractors.

At the same time Gill Moss decided to retire and her husband, Richard, who had been the team manager, opted to call it a day as well. To add to Leicester's woes, Kathy Johnson, the England and Great Britain defender, is expecting a baby and will miss the whole of the coming season.

To give some semblance of continuity to the proceedings, Sally Saunders has been persuaded to take the captaincy for another year while the coaching will be done by committee. Mike Hamilton, of the Hockey Association, and Gaynor Nash taking primary responsibility.

So, bolstered by the sponsorship of Fyffes to the tune of 80lb of bananas a week, Leicester are relying on the Dunkirk spirit to retain the title with everyone pulling together in the face of adversity.

Their opponents on Sunday are Hightown who, as usual, are a fairly settled bunch. They have lost the services of Nina Jones for the year but gained Caroline Gilbert from Chelmsford. As for Maggie Souyave, their inspiration in seasons past and now the England coach, she intends to keep playing, England commitments permitting. But as the National League stops when Souyave calls a training weekend, she has the best of both worlds. Now in her 41st year there is no sign of Souyave slowing down, much less stopping.

Meanwhile, Slough have been attracting players like a magnet. The arrival of Sue Lawrie, Mandy Nicholls and Sally Eyre from relegated Ealing puts the former champions in the unusual position of having a full squad of 16 to choose from and introduces an element of competition.

That should take their minds off the pressing problem of raising £25,000 to finance their two European challenges in the Cup Winners' Cup and the indoor championships. It should also give them a good start against Clifton.

Like Clifton, Chelmsford diced with relegation for much of last season. Over the summer they have been leaking players like a sieve, losing Gilbert to Hightown, Jane Smith to Ipswich and their goalkeeper, Julie Somers-Bayley, who has retired. Coincidentally, they begin their campaign against Ipswich.

Bracknell, newly promoted from the first division, face a baptism of fire, having to play Sutton Coldfield, Ipswich and Leicester in their opening three games. Although they are excited at the prospect, they know the firepower of Jane Sixsmith will be a force to be reckoned with on Sunday.

Sutton, who still cannot use their home pitch as the artificial turf has been nailed to the ground to stop it curling up at the edges, have lost Barbara Hambley to Olton but have shored up their defence with the signing of a new goalkeeper, Jackie Bull, and a new defender, Kerry Moore, while Sian Jones and Lisa Bayliss are both back to full fitness.

Despite the comings and goings, it is hard to imagine that by next April the old names, Slough, Leicester and Ipswich, will not be vying for the title. Some things never change.

Reid poised to ride Moonax

BY RICHARD EVANS
RACING CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Reid's hopes of winning a second Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe were revived last night when he was pencilled in to partner Moonax, the shock 40-1 St Leger winner, in next week's European middle-distance championship.

Barry Hills, who won the Arc in 1973 with Rheingold, confirmed: "John is coming down to ride Moonax on Saturday and I will then discuss the situation with the owner, Shaikh Mohammed. It is more than possible Moonax will go for the Arc. He has done extremely well since Doncaster and he has improved."

If Hills gives Moonax the go-ahead, it will go some way to assuaging the disappointment felt by Reid at losing the ride on White Muzzle, the 7-2 Arc favourite.

Reid, who won the Arc in 1988 on Tony Bin, was second on White Muzzle at Longchamp last year. Despite riding the Peter Chapple-Hyam-trained colt to success in the Grand Prix de Deauville last month, the horse's Japanese owner insisted Yutaka Take takes over on Sunday week.

Take, the champion Japanese jockey, rode White Muzzle when he finished second in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot, where his finishing style did not meet with favour from some critics.

If Wagon Master had been entered for the Arc he would be a 12-1 shot with Ladbrokes after an impressive victory in the Cumberland Lodge Stakes at Ascot yesterday. However, Hamdan Al-Maktoum, was adamant yesterday that he would not be supplementing the Alec Stewart-trained colt at a cost of £50,000 for the Longchamp showpiece because "he is not good enough this year."

"He is improving and he will stay in training next year and, if he is good enough, he will run then. I gave a lot of thought to supplementing him but when he was beaten fair and square in the King George I thought it was a waste of time. It was better to run here and he might go to Newbury for the St Simon Stakes," the shaikh said.

In the King George, White Muzzle was beaten a length and a quarter by King's Theatre with Wagon Master 2½ lengths away in third. In what looks to be a sub-standard Arc, the progressive four-year-old would have had realistic prospects of making the first six.

Whatever the merits of bypassing Paris, Stewart was just relieved to have won yesterday's feature race. Defeat could have seen his star horse moved to Dubai this winter with no guarantee he would return to Newmarket in the spring.

"I was informed a week ago that he might have to win to stay in training. The pressure has been enormous. We are a relatively small yard now and a horse like Wagon Master makes a season for us. I really wanted to keep him in training next year because of his physical improvement," Stewart said.

Shaikh Hamdan was very much the centre of attention at Ascot. Apart from enjoying a 44-1 treble, he was questioned over his intentions of accepting an offer of £3.2 million from Japan for Erhaab, winner of this year's Derby.

The shaikh kept his own counsel but John Dunlop, trainer of Erhaab, made an impassioned plea to keep the horse in Britain. "I hope he will stand at stud in England. It will be very sad if Erhaab does go abroad, particularly to Japan, as we will see none of his produce in Europe."

Dunlop was speaking after watching Pat Eddery give Sun Grebe a beautiful ride to snatch victory in the Gordon Carter Handicap.

JULIAN HERBERT



Wagon Master and Carson take command from Urgent Request in the Cumberland Lodge Stakes at Ascot

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: LEGITIMATE (2.00 Ascot)
Next best: Fire Dome (4.40 Ascot)

Ringmaster in top form to take plaudits again



TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

ASCOT
BBC2

2.30: Lattam has shown signs of a return to form and races off a fair mark here. But preference is for **Ringmaster**, who demonstrated his liking for this trip and easy ground with a decisive victory at Pontefract four days ago. If fully recovered from his exertions, Mark Tompkins's colt can follow up here.

Potentate will handle the underfoot conditions but his recent, facile victory in claiming company does not amount to much. Glanmerin's lengthy absence suggests he has had his problems. Smart Generation must be considered but may be better over further. Robsera has shown his best form on tight tracks, but Harvest Mouse encounters easy ground for the first time in 12 months, when he put up his best performance. He looks more of a threat than Tajannab, who appears in the handicapper's grip.

3.05: Having unseated his jockey in the stalls at Sandown, Sea-Deer has effectively not run for eight weeks and is passed over. Jack Holt's improved sprinter is untested off this mark and is a further 3lb out of the handicap. Unlike Master Planner, Royale Figurine will appreciate the ground but failed to take advantage of similar conditions at Newbury last week.

Poker Chip and Jayannpee have been in great heart all season but **Spaniards Close** is worth a chance here. Peter Makin's horse, placed in pattern company last term, shaped encouragingly in admittedly lesser company on his seasonal debut recently and races off a lenient mark.

3.35: Seasonal Splendour has the ability to take this. The filly's solitary outing for her new handler, Martin Pipe, resulted in a convincing victory at Leicester in July. Shifting Mist acts on any ground, but conditions were more testing when she romped away with a Lingfield handicap.

Without A Flag, who chased home Allesca at Sandown (Holiday Island held), has each-way claims. World Express could be fancied if reproducing the form he shows at his favourite Chepstow. Hill Of Dreams remains fairly treated but prefers faster ground, and a bigger danger is Couchant, who, having been denied a clear run, battled on well in a more competitive event at Doncaster two weeks ago.

JULIAN MUSCAT

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

108 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 .... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

ASCOT

THUNDERER
1.30 Barraak. 2.00 Classic Cliche. 2.30 LATTAM (nap). 3.05 Royal Figurine. 3.35 Shifting Mist. 4.05 Neither Nor. 4.40 Fire Dome.

Newmarket Correspondent: 2.00 LEGITIMATE (nap). 3.35 Shifting Mist.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT DRAW: 5F-7F, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

1.30 SHADWELL ESTATES HANDICAP
(Private sweepstakes: 1m 2f) (8 runners)

101 (5) 0-21600 MUNTAR 79 (F) (H Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 5-12-0 .... Robin Gray 90
102 (3) 25-1200 FAWARAN 27 (S) (H Al-Maktoum) A Stewart 4-11-13 .... Bill Smith 93
103 (1) 513064 SALAM 6 (B,F) (H Al-Maktoum) B Hills 3-11-9 .... John Francome 97
104 (4) 0/0630/ SABOTAGE 729 (F,G) (Shaikh Mohammed) M Stoute 8-11-8 .... Wally Swinburn —
105 (2) 313-006 WAJIH 13 (D,S) (H Al-Maktoum) W Hern 4-11-8 .... Peter Scudamore 96
106 (6) 12-0460 BARRAAK 21 (F) (H Al-Maktoum) W Hern 4-11-5 .... John Gorton 90
107 (7) 0-54143 TANSEEQ 20 (F) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 3-11-1 .... Graham Thorner 99
108 (8) 102340 TANBIH 13 (F) (H Al-Maktoum) C Benstead 3-11-1 .... Brough Scott 98

RESERVES
109 (R) 324550 MOOFAJI 32 (BF) (H Al-Maktoum) W Hern 3-10-11 .... — —
110 (R) 656 TRFAASHEH 25 (H Al-Maktoum) A Stewart 3-10-7 .... — —

Long handicap: Trfaasheh 10-1.
BETTING: 4-1 Fawaran, 5-1 Salam, Tanseeq, 6-1 Barraak, Tanbih, Wajih, 7-1 Muntar, 8-1 Sabotage.
1993: RAHIL 3-11-10 Bill Smith (100-30) H Thomson Jones 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

MUNTAR best recent effort 12l 6th to Plato in handicap at Haydock (1m 6f, good). FAWARAN best recent effort ¾l 2nd to Harpoon Louie in handicap at Beverley (1m 100yd, good to firm). SALAM 5l 4th to Penny A Day in handicap at Catterick (1m 4f, good). SABOTAGE 2l 3rd of 10 to State Dancer in apprentices handicap here (1m, good) on penultimate start. TANSEEQ ¾l and neck 3rd to Wilcuma in handicap at Kempton (1m, good to soft). TANBIH about 3¾l 4th to Howard's End in handicap at Sandown (1m 2f, good).
Selection: MUNTAR

2.00 NATIONAL ASTHMA CAMPAIGN & THE STROKE ASSOCIATION CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-O: £9,942: 7f) (7 runners)

201 (1) 1 CLASSIC CLICHE 28 (D,G) (I Allan) H Cecil 9-0 .... Pat Eddery 95
202 (6) 1 WIJARA 9 (D,S) (M Suhail) R Hannon 9-0 .... R Perham 99
203 (2) 6 BRAYDON FOREST 17 (R Roberts) C Drewe 8-11 .... J Reid 84
204 (4) 4 LEGITIMATE 17 (BF) (F Kalla) D Loder 8-11 .... L Dettori 98
205 (3) LOCH BERING (L Norris) P Kelleway 8-11 .... T Quinn —
206 (5) LUSO (S Manana) C Brittain 8-11 .... M Roberts —
207 (7) THREE STOPS (Maktoum Al-Maktoum) M Stoute 8-11 .... W R Swinburn —

BETTING: 9-4 Classic Cliche, 11-4 Legitimate, 7-2 Wijara, 5-1 Three Stops, 10-1 Luso, 14-1 others.
1993: MUTAKDDIM 8-11 W Carson (4-7 fav) J Gosden 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

CLASSIC CLICHE beat Okavango head in maiden at Newmarket (7f, good). WIJARA beat Chattaroy 1l in maiden at Sandown (7f, good to soft). BRAYDON FOREST about 7½l 6th to Alfaaselah in maiden at Lingfield (7f, good). LEGITIMATE ¾l 4th to Sticks And Stones in maiden at Lingfield (7f, good). LOCH BERING (foaled April 22, cost 10,000gns). Half-brother by Bering to numerous winners; dam dual winner in North America. THREE STOPS (Feb 6, $800,000). Half-brother by Nureyev to useful 7f/1m performer Hoseton.
Selection: CLASSIC CLICHE

2.30 READER'S DIGEST RATED HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £8,065: 1m 2f) (15 runners) BBC2

301 (5) 213000 WISHING 20 (D,F,S) (M Grant) R Hannon 9-0 .... J Reid 89
302 (8) 3-56220 HARVEST MOUSE 27 (V,F) (Lady Vestey) R Charlton 8-12 .... Pat Eddery 87
303 (4) 002200 CHICKAWICKA 27 (S) (Merthyr Tydfil Cars) B Millman 8-12 .... A Whelan (7) 92
304 (10) 212303 TAJANNAB 27 (D,F,S) (Maktoum Al-Maktoum) M Stoute 8-11 .... W R Swinburn 92
305 (6) 340520 CRAZY FOR YOU 6 (V,G) (Mrs R Vigors) M Channon 8-10 .... G Carter 89
306 (14) 1530 ALSAKB 13 (F) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-10 .... R Hills 90
307 (9) 015 GLANMERIN 132 (F) (R Norton) J Gosden 8-8 .... L Dettori 88
308 (13) 101102 ROBSERA 27 (F) (D Barker) G Lewis 8-8 .... L Piggott 91
309 (15) 310581 POTENTATE 45 (D,G,S) (HRH Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 8-4 .... T Quinn 95
310 (1) 093321 RINGMASTER 4 (D,S) (D Fisher) M Tompkins 8-4 (3ex) .... P Robinson 99
311 (11) 5-55406 BLAZE AWAY 22 (F,G) (P Mellon) I Balding 8-2 .... M Hills 96
312 (7) 163 SMART GENERATION 16 (V,BF,G) (G Ward) Lord Huntingdon 8-2 .... W Woods 91
313 (2) 556003 LATTAM 13 (S) (H Al-Maktoum) W Hern 8-0 .... W Carson 95
314 (3) 240156 TRADE WIND 24 (B,D,F) (R Richards) D Elsworth 8-0 .... J Quinn 93
315 (12) 000200 TONDRES 9 (B) (The Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) C Brittain 8-0 .... M Roberts 89

Long handicap: Trade Wind 7-12, Tondres 7-8.
BETTING: 11-2 Lattam, 6-1 Ringmaster, Tajannab, 8-1 Potentate, Smart Generation, 10-1 Glanmerin, Robsera, 12-1 Harvest Mouse, Trade Wind, 20-1 Alsakb, Blaze Away, Chickawicka, 25-1 others.
1993: TAP ON AIR 8-7 M Roberts (5-1) M Stoute 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

WISHING best recent effort 25l 14th of 25 to Erhaab in group 1 Ever Ready Derby at Epsom (1m 4f, good) with CHICKAWICKA (2lb better off) 8l 18th. HARVEST MOUSE head 2nd of 5 to Zilzal Zamaan in conditions race at Windsor (1m 2f, good to firm). TAJANNAB neck and 1¾l 3rd of 11 to Burooj in handicap at Newmarket (1m 2f, good) with HARVEST MOUSE (4lb better off) about 9½l 8th. GLANMERIN beat Desert Conqueror ¾l in 18-runner maiden at Salisbury (1m, good to firm) on penultimate start. POTENTATE beat Sawlid 8l in claimer at Yarmouth (1m 2f, good). RINGMASTER beat Magic Junction 1¾l in 8-runner handicap at Pontefract (1m 2f, good to soft). LATTAM about 4l 3rd of 18 to Halling in handicap at Doncaster (1m 2f 60yd, good to soft) with ALSAKB (1lb better off) about 13l 7th.
Selection: WISHING

3.05 BUCKINGHAM PALACE RATED HANDICAP (£13,302: 5f) (12 runners) BBC2

401 (11) 101200 ROGER THE BUTLER 23 (F,S) (M Hawkin) M Bell 4-9-7 .... M Fenton (3) 91
402 (1) 626113 HELLO MISTER 9 (D,F,G,S) (B Milton) J O'Donoghue 3-9-6 .... P McCabe (5) 97
403 (12) 000034 MASTER PLANNER 16 (F,S) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 5-9-4 .... J D Smith (5) 95
404 (7) 612645 POKER CHIP 16 (D,F,G) (J Smith) I Balding 4-9-0 .... L Dettori 99
405 (3) 60000-3 SPANIARDS CLOSE 10 (CD,G,S) (Avon Ind) P Makin 5-8-13 .... W R Swinburn 95
406 (6) 211016 JAYANNPEE 16 (D,BF,F,G) (J Paniccia) I Balding 3-8-13 .... T Quinn 94
407 (8) 645520 GORINSKY 16 (D,F,G,S) (W Robertson) J Berry 6-8-11 .... J Carroll 94
408 (2) 453106 ROCK SYMPHONY 23 (D,G) (Mrs C Fesher) W Haggas 4-8-11 .... M Hills 97
409 (10) 303110 ASHTINA 13 (CD,F,G,S) (Ms S Joyner) R Hodges 9-8-8 .... J Quinn 92
410 (4) 113110 SEA-DEER 34 (D,F,G,S) (P Cook) L Holt 5-8-7 .... J Reid 89
411 (5) 000004 ROYALE FIGURINE 7 (D,F,G,S) (C Pearman) M Fetherston-Godley 3-8-5 .... Pat Eddery 90
412 (9) 36045-0 HIGH DOMAIN 132 (D,G,S) (Mrs S Stowold) M McCormack 3-8-5 .... G Carter 80

Long handicap: Sea-Deer 8-4.
BETTING: 11-2 Sea-Deer, 6-1 Royale Figurine, 7-1 Gorinsky, Hello Mister, Poker Chip, 8-1 others.
1993: CALL ME I'M BLUE 3-8-8 L Piggott (5-1) N Tinkler 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

HELLO MISTER beat Double Blue 1l in 22-runner handicap at Doncaster (5f 140yd, good) on penultimate start, with MASTER PLANNER (10lb better off) about 3½l 4th. POKER CHIP (11lb better off) 1l 5th, JAYANNPEE (7lb better off) ½l 6th, ROYAL FIGURINE (13lb better off) short-head 7th and GORINSKY (9lb better off) 7l 15th. JAYANNPEE beat Gorinsky (8lb better off) 2½l in handicap at Sandown (5f, good) on penultimate start, with HELLO MISTER (7lb worse off) about 4¾l 6th and SEA-DEER (8lb better off) unseated rider. ASHTINA beat Tuscan Dawn 1l in handicap at Epsom (5f, good to firm) on penultimate start. SEA-DEER beat Eagle Day 1¾l in 10-runner handicap at Goodwood (5f, good to firm). ROYAL FIGURINE 4l 4th of 8 to Eveningperformance in conditions race at Newbury (5f, soft).
Selection: HELLO MISTER

3.35 EWAR STUD FARMS STAKES FOR APPRENTICES (Handicap: £5,322: 1m 4f) (20 runners) BBC2

501 (14) 4100-21 RUNAWAY PETE 16J (D,F,G,S) (Person Assoc) A Barrow 4-10-0 .... Martin Dwyer (3) 89
502 (20) 302411 SEASONAL SPLENDOUR 74 (D,F) (D Johnson) M Pipe 4-9-13 .... E Husband 90
503 (15) 411950 HILL OF DREAMS 16 (D,F,G) (P Mellon) I Balding 4-9-11 .... Aimee Cook (5) 92
504 (16) 601624 PRIDE OF MAY 93 (F) (R Lewis) R Hannon 3-9-8 .... E Greehy (7) 88
505 (10) 141424 KISSAIR 8 (BF,F,G,S) (T Benson) G Lewis 3-9-7 .... P Houghton (5) 91
506 (12) 455110- HALHAM TARN 230J (D,F,G) (Halham Tarn Synd) D Elsworth 4-9-6 .... I Hudson (7) 90
507 (17) 001001 WORLD EXPRESS 13 (S) (World Express Ltd) B Millman 4-9-5 .... A Whelan 94
508 (11) 216200 MISTER KITE 20 (F) (Mrs H Slack) A Stewart 3-9-4 .... A Eddery (7) 90
509 (18) 111351 SHIFTING MIST 8 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs C Phillipson) M Prescott 3-9-2 (4ex) .... D Griffiths 99
510 (5) 450100 CALL THE GUV'NOR 8 (B,D,F,S) (W Ponsonby) P Cole 5-9-1 .... T G McLaughlin 95
511 (1) 03260 BRAVE SPY 14 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 3-9-0 .... J D Smith 96
512 (2) 4-00600 VILLAGE EAGLE 34 (A Richards) C Brittain 3-8-12 .... B Russell 87
513 (3) 03-05 COUCHANT 14 (Sir Philip Oppenheimer) G Wragg 3-8-12 .... D Gibbs 92
514 (7) 360020 PRINCESS ERMYN 21 (D,G,S) (J Daniels) M Dixon 5-8-12 .... S Mulvey 91
515 (9) 01020-2 WITHOUT A FLAG 9 (S) (Mrs P Sherwood) J White 4-8-10 .... P McCormick (7) 97
516 (4) 06/002-4 HOLIDAY ISLAND 9 (F,S) (A Spence) R Akehurst 5-8-5 .... R Moogan (5) 90
517 (13) 033528 STALLED 7 (Lady Eliza Mays-Smith) P Walwyn 4-8-1 .... M Henry (5) 98
518 (6) 441228 SHELTERED COVE 15 (F) (A Richards) K Cunningham-Brown 3-8-1 .... P Bowe (3) 95
519 (8) 320400 LITTLE LUKE 10 (G) (Miss B Armstrong) P Butler 3-7-10 .... C Hawksley 91
520 (19) 000000 LA MENORQUINA 11 (J Arden) D Marks 4-7-7 .... M Baird 88

BETTING: 6-1 Shifting Mist, 8-1 Couchant, World Express, 10-1 Seasonal Splendour, Hill Of Dreams, Stalled, Without A Flag, 12-1 Call The Guv'nor, Kissair, 14-1 Runaway Pete, 16-1 others.
1993: HILLZAH 5-9-0 H Bastiman (10-1) R Bastiman 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

RUNAWAY PETE beat Katey's Lad 2l in claimer at Chester (1m 4f 66yd, good to firm). SEASONAL SPLENDOUR beat Big Pat 1¾l in handicap at Leicester (1m 4f, good to firm). WORLD EXPRESS beat KISSAIR (5lb better off) 3l in handicap at Chepstow (1m 2f, good to soft). SHIFTING MIST beat Bo Knows Best 12l in handicap at Lingfield (1m 6f, heavy). COUCHANT 6¼l 5th of 16 to Burooj in handicap at Doncaster (1m 4f, good) with BRAVE SPY (2lb better off) 18½l 14th. WITHOUT A FLAG 2½l 2nd of 15 to Allesca in apprentices handicap at Sandown (1m 3f 91yd, good to soft) with HOLIDAY ISLAND 10½l 4th. STALLED 2½l and short-head 3rd of 17 to Children's Choice in lady riders handicap at Newbury (1m 2f, soft).
Selection: STALLED

4.05 ROSEMARY RATED HANDICAP (Listed race: Fillies: £12,815: 1m) (10 runners)

601 (6) 005151 LAP OF LUXURY 13 (D,F,G) (I Hill-Wood) W Jarvis 5-9-7 .... T Quinn 95
602 (3) 5B-4108 PALANA 35 (B,CD,F,G) (G Strawbridge) I Balding 3-8-9 .... L Dettori 89
603 (4) 100016 NEITHER NOR 8 (F,G,S) (T Riley-Smith) D Wilson 5-8-7 .... G Carter 94
604 (2) 11264 TITANIA'S WAY 25 (D,F,S) (Mrs A Chandris) R Charlton 3-8-4 .... Pat Eddery 92
605 (10) 281410 INGOZI 15 (D,G) (A Oppenheimer) G Wragg 3-8-4 .... M Hills 99
606 (8) 011126 MAREHA 15 (D,F,G) (H Al-Maktoum) A Stewart 3-8-3 .... W Carson 92
607 (7) 0-20014 SOVINISTA 25 (BF,S) (I Stewart-Brown) J Dunlop 3-8-3 .... M Roberts 89
608 (1) 15-600 TABLAH 27 (C,S) (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 3-8-3 .... R Hills 84
609 (9) 500120 AMIDST 13 (D,F,G) (Sir Evelyn De Rothschild) M Stoute 3-8-3 .... P Robinson 86
610 (5) 021-001 BEAMING 10 (D,S) (Mrs D Wigan) J Fanshawe 3-8-3 .... J Carroll 75

Long handicap: Neither Nor 8-4, Mareha 8-1, Sovinista 8-1, Tablah 7-13, Amidst 7-9, Beaming 6-9.
BETTING: 9-2 Neither Nor, 5-1 Lap Of Luxury, Mareha, 6-1 Palana, 7-1 Titania's Way, 8-1 Ingozi, 10-1 others.
1993: ANDROMAQUE 3-8-4 S Raymont (7-1) R Charlton 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

LAP OF LUXURY beat Dahyah 2¾l in handicap at Doncaster (1m, good). PALANA best effort this year when beating Biniabtsoni 1¾l in listed handicap over course and distance (good to firm). NEITHER NOR beat Sheppard's Cross 2l in handicap at Salisbury (7f, good) with BEAMING (10lb worse off) 10l 8th. TITANIA'S WAY 5l 4th of 7 to Monaassabaat in listed handicap at Newcastle (1m 2f, firm). MAREHA 9¼l 6th of 10 to Hill Hopper in listed race at Doncaster (7f, good) with INGOZI (3lb better off) 12¾l last. SOVINISTA beat Future Options 3l in 9-runner maiden at Salisbury (7f, good to soft) on penultimate start.
Selection: MAREHA

4.40 KENSINGTON PALACE CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-O: £9,507: 5f) (6 runners)

1 (6) 255511 LAGO DI VARANO 8 (B,D,G,S) (N Jackson) J Berry 9-7 .... J Carroll 93
2 (5) 114053 SEIGNEURIAL 8 (D,G) (The PBT Group) R Whitaker 9-5 .... A Clark 88
3 (1) 13 FIRE DOME 23 (D,G) (M Al-Shaibi) T Mills 8-13 .... J Reid 95
4 (3) 21 LYNTON LAD 21 (D,G) (Uplands Bloodstock) A Scott 8-13 .... Pat Eddery 87
5 (2) P44151 IN LOVE AGAIN 6 (D,F,G,S) (W Ponsonby) M Channon 8-12 .... L Dettori 88
6 (4) 21432 VEUVE HOORNAERT 27 (F) (B Liemant) R Hannon 8-6 .... M Roberts 99

BETTING: 3-1 Veuve Hoornaert, 7-2 Lago Di Varano, 9-2 Fire Dome, Lynton Lad, 5-1 In Love Again, Seigneurial.
1993: SELHURSTPARK FLYER 9-3 W Carson (11-4) J Berry 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

LAGO DI VARANO beat Mezical Seacon 1l in listed race at Ayr (5f, good to soft) with SEIGNEURIAL (2lb better off) 1¾l 3rd. FIRE DOME neck and 1¾l 3rd of 8 to Wavian in conditions race at York (5f, good to firm). LYNTON LAD beat Marha 3l in 14-runner maiden at Haydock (5f, good). IN LOVE AGAIN beat Astral Invader 2l in nursery at Newbury (5f, soft). VEUVE HOORNAERT ¾l 2nd of 29 to Loveyoumillions in Tattersalls Breeders' Stakes at the Curragh (6f, soft) with IN LOVE AGAIN (6lb worse off) about 2¾l 5th.
Selection: VEUVE HOORNAERT

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%
H Cecil	21	93	22.6
G Wragg	15	70	21.4
P Cole	20	95	21.1
J Gosden	21	122	17.2
Lord Huntingdon	12	70	17.1

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Pat Eddery	39	233	16.7
L Dettori	30	221	13.6
W Carson	29	229	12.7
T Quinn	18	142	12.7
W R Swinburn	21	176	11.9

Harayir primed

THERE were 12 acceptors at yesterday's declaration stage for the Cheveley Park Stakes at Newmarket on Tuesday.

Harayir, trained by Dick Hern, heads the betting at 5-2 with Ladbrokes. They then bet: 3-1 Hoh Magic, 4-1 Loyalize, 5-1 Nuriva, 10-1 Gay Gallanta, 12-1 others.

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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Ascot
Going: good to soft

2.00 (7f) 1, Mutakddim (W Carson, 5-2 fav); 2, Reprehend (11-1); 3, Queenbird (100-30). 9 ran. 3½l, sh hd. J Gosden. Tote: £3.20; £1.50, £4.70, £1.40. DF: £67.60. Trio: £26.80. CSF: £26.15.

2.30 (1m 4f) 1, Lille Hammer (L Dettori, 10-1); 2, Misbelief (5-1); 3, Milly Ha Ha (9-2). Monaassabaat 4-1 fav. 10 ran. 1¼l, 2l. L Cumani. Tote: £11.50; £2.40, £1.80, £1.80. DF: £30.70. Trio: £60.70. CSF: £54.83.

3.05 (1m 4f) 1, Wagon Master (W Carson, 11-8 fav); 2, Urgent Request (5-2); 3, Blush Rambler (4-1). 6 ran. 5l, 8l. A Stewart. Tote: £2.10; £1.60, £1.60. DF: £2.60. CSF: £5.02.

3.40 (6f) 1, Marha (R Hills, 9-2); 2, Golden Tune (5-4 fav); 3, Pumice (100-30). 5 ran. 2½l, nk. H Thomson Jones. Tote: £5.10; £1.80, £1.30. DF: £5.20. CSF: £10.13.

4.10 (2m 45yd) 1, Sun Grebe (Pat Eddery, 9-1); 2, Bold Resolution (4-7 fav); 3, Price Of Britain (7-1). 12 ran. ½l, nk. J Dunlop. Tote: £10.60; £3.30, £1.80, £1.80. DF: £24.30. Trio: £78.10. CSF: £40.12. Tricast: £239.82.

4.40 (6f) 1, Autumn Affair (B Doyle, 20-1); 2, Pastel (4-1); 3, Mehtar (9-1). Kabil 9-4 fav. 11 ran. NR: Assumpsit. 1l, sh hd. C Brittain. Tote: £19.70; £3.80, £2.00, £2.90. DF: £63.50. Trio: £118.60. CSF: £92.00. Tricast: £709.07.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £37,365.65 carried forward to Ascot today).
Placepot: £38.00. Quadpot: £10.80.

Perth
Going: good

2.10 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Tipping Tim (C Llewellyn, 9-1); 2, Jatcanio (11-4); 3, Edithmead (2-1 fav). 13 ran. 2l, 15l. N Twiston-Davies. Tote: £7.50; £1.80, £1.90, £1.30. DF: £17.80. CSF: £26.69.

2.40 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Caldecott (R Wilkinson, 33-1); 2, Maggots Green (4-1); 3, Macedonas (Evens fav). 5 ran. 5l, 6l. Mrs S Smith. Tote: £16.20; £3.20, £1.60. DF: £26.10. CSF: £128.64.

3.15 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Astraleon (B Storey, 6-1); 2, Master Bavard (20-1); 3, Rebel King (7-2). Finesse The King 5-2 fav. 11 ran. 2l, hd. R Allan. Tote: £7.80; £1.40, £3.40, £1.90. DF: £50.30. CSF: £97.89.

3.50 (3m 110yd hdle) 1, Dig Deeper (M Dwyer, 14-1); 2, Loch Scavaig (13-2); 3, Mystic Memory (5-2 fav). 8 ran. 3½l, nk. J O'Neill. Tote: £19.00; £3.40, £1.50, £1.60. DF: £55.60. CSF: £89.24. Tricast: £274.68.

4.20 (3m ch) 1, Mystic Gale (N Williamson, 5-4 fav); 2, Out The Door (3-1); 3, Batty Betty (25-1). 7 ran. NR: Coedwgan Lucifer, Sweet Duke. 25l, 1½l. K Bailey. Tote: £2.30; £1.60, £2.30. DF: £4.10. CSF: £4.89.

4.50 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, With Impunity (C Llewellyn, 11-4 fav); 2, Eastern Oasis (12-1); 3, John Naman (5-1). 11 ran. NR: Mythical Storm. 15l, 7l. N Twiston-Davies. Tote: £4.50; £3.40, £3.30, £2.10. DF: £50.10. Trio: £37.30. CSF: £33.80. Tricast: £148.20.

Placepot: £113.30. Quadpot: £42.30.

Taunton
Going: good to firm

2.20 (2m 3f 110yd hdle) 1, Too Sharp (J Osborne, 6-1); 2, Toomuch Toosoon (11-4); 3, Mountain Reach (10-1). Yahmi 13-8 fav. 12 ran. 3l, 7l. Miss H Knight. Tote: £5.60; £1.90, £1.70, £5.20. DF: £5.10. CSF: £21.51.

2.50 (2m 3f ch) 1, Philip's Woody (J R Kavanagh, 5-1); 2, The Country Trader (5-2 fav); 3, Corrarder (9-2). 7 ran. Hd, 8l. N Henderson. Tote: £4.60; £2.00, £1.60. DF: £8.90. CSF: £16.93.

3.25 (2m 1f hdle) 1, St John's Hill (T Murphy, 5-1); 2, Summer Wind (9-4 fav); 3, Nayeb (14-1). 16 ran. 13l, 3l. W G M Turner. Tote: £6.70; £2.10, £2.00, £3.70. DF: £10.90. CSF: £17.23.

4.00 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Easthorpe (J Osborne, 6-4 fav); 2, Early Drinker (12-1); 3, Falconbridge Bay (25-1). 9 ran. 2l, 5l. Miss H Knight. Tote: £2.30; £1.30, £3.10. DF: £29.70. CSF: £18.42.

4.30 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Safety (A Maguire, 9-1); 2, Charcoal Burner (11-2); 3, Royal Circus (4-1 fav). 11 ran. NR: Emerald Moon. Hd, 3l. J White. Tote: £7.80; £2.20, £2.50, £1.80. DF: £42.70. Trio: £26.90. CSF: £53.08. Tricast: £209.56.

5.00 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Poetic Fancy (D Bridgwater, 10-11 fav); 2, Sharp Spring (9-4); 3, Playing Tricks (5-1). 6 ran. NR: Koo's Promise, Minster's Madam. 13l, 2½l. N Twiston-Davies. Tote: £1.80; £1.20, £1.40. DF: £2.00. CSF: £3.41.

5.30 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Greenback (Peter Hobbs, 7-4); 2, St Kitts (10-1); 3, Slew Man (Evens fav). 8 ran. 15l, 6l. P Hobbs. Tote: £3.00; £1.50, £1.10, £1.40. DF: £10.90. CSF: £17.76.

Placepot: £25.10. Quadpot: £12.20.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Ascot: 1.30 Salam. 2.30 Harvest Mouse, Smart Generation, Tondres. 4.05 Palana. Haydock Park: 2.40 Brookhead Lady, Cheerful Groom. 3.10 Ghaali. Redcar: 2.20 My First Paige. 2.50 Foxtowns Girl. 3.20 Embezzler, Satisfied Prince.

HAYDOCK PARK

THUNDERER
2.10 Moalem. 2.40 Ansellady. 3.10 Foundry Lane. 3.40 Celestial Choir. 4.10 Solo Prize. 4.45 Shonara's Way.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.10 STANLEY SPORTSLINE MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,647: 1m 2f 120yd) (8 runners)

1 (7) CARPATHIAN Lord Huntingdon 9-0 .... W Ryan —
2 (1) 0 DARING RYDE 24 J Smith 9-0 .... W Newnes —
3 (6) 0- EFAAD 322 J Norton 9-0 .... J Fortune 80
4 (2) FIRE WORSHIPPER J Gosden 9-0 .... A McGlone —
5 (8) 52 MOALEM 53 W Hern 9-0 .... M Birch 99
6 (4) SKEAN-DHU T Tate 9-0 .... G Duffield —
7 (5) 03 KISS KINCSEM 13 P Makin 8-9 .... B Thomson 98
8 (3) 454 SEAWARD 34 J Gosden 8-9 .... G Hind 98

2-1 Moalem, 3-1 Seaward, 9-2 Fire Worshipper, 6-1 Carpathian, 8-1 others.

2.40 STANLEY CREDIT CLAIMING HANDICAP (£3,306: 6f) (24)

1 (21) 2540 BLOW DRY 25 (S) P Calver 4-10-0 .... G Parkin (7) 88
2 (20) 0744 CHAMPAGNE ATEASTER 60 (D,F,G) J Berry 3-9-13 .... P Roberts (7) 85
3 (17) 5005 GREAT HALL 8 (B,D,F,G) P Cundell 5-9-13 .... R Cochrane 90
4 (22) 2450 THE OLD CHAPEL 6 (D,S) B McMahon 5-9-12 .... S Sanders (5) 83
5 (14) 0444 LOVE LEGEND 8 (D,F,G,S) D Arbuthnot 9-9-10 .... M Tebbutt 90
6 (9) 2300 BIRCHWOOD SUN 31 (B,C,D,F,G,S) M Dods 4-9-10 .... V Halliday (7) 88
7 (5) 0002 BILLY CRUNCHEON 10 (D,S) M Pipe 3-9-9 .... R Havlin (7) 99
8 (25) 0150 MELODIC DRIVE 11 (CD,G,S) P Faigate 4-9-9 .... G Hind 82
9 (18) D34- MASTER POKEY 420 (D,F,G,S) M W Easterby 10-9-9 .... C Monday (7) 82
10 (10) 3000 MUZZ 14 (D,G,S) M Johnston 3-9-8 .... T Williams 88
11 (12) 0400 BROOKHEAD LADY 11 (B,D,F,S) P Evans 3-9-8 .... J Stack (5) 90
12 (7) 0000 RAIN SPLASH 11 (D,G,S) J Balding 4-9-8 .... W Ryan 80
13 (24) 2130 ANSELLADY 11 (D,F) J Berry 3-9-5 .... J Fortune 89
14 (6) 0040 GYMCRAK TYCOON 49 (F,G,S) G Holmes 5-9-5 .... W Newnes 87
15 (13) 3600 OVALWORLD 11 (B,D,G) D Nicholls 3-9-4 .... G Duffield 82
16 (16) 1050 MUTINIQUE 11 (D,S) M Pipe 3-9-1 .... J Marshall (5) 86
17 (19) 0000 LIDA'S DELIGHT 71 (F) M W Easterby 4-9-0 .... M Birch 81
18 (4) 5500 CHEERFUL GROOM 17 (V,F) J Mackie 3-9-0 .... J Williams 87
19 (1) 0206 LANGUEDOC 71 (D,G,S) M Wane 7-8-12 .... B Thomson 87
20 (3) 1060 CAFE SOLO 8 (D,S) N Bycroft 3-8-11 .... N Kennedy 89
21 (2) 0000 MONSIEUR PETONG 6 (G) (D) M Channon 3-8-10 .... R Painter (5) 83
22 (8) 4020 LITTLE HOOLIGAN 8 (V,D,G) M Channon 3-8-7 .... B Doyle 92
23 (15) 0000 DRUM SERGEANT 21 (C,D,F,S) J Parkes 7-8-6 .... M Deering —
24 (11) 5400 AQUADO 4 (V,F) A Forbes 5-8-4 .... A McGlone 87

8-1 Champagne Ateaster, 10-1 Mutinique, Billy Cruncheon, 12-1 Ansellady, Muzz, 14-1 Great Hall, 16-1 Little Hooligan, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 18 winners from 49 runners, 36.7%; J Gosden, 25 from 88, 28.4%; H Thomson Jones, 13 from 50, 26%; R Charlton, 10 from 40, 25.0%; G Lewis, 3 from 12, 25.0%.

JOCKEYS: W Ryan, 22 winners from 128 rides, 17.2%; W Newnes, 8 from 50, 16.0%; R Cochrane, 7 from 45, 15.6%; J Williams, 7 from 51, 13.7%; S Sanders, 3 from 22, 13.6%; G Duffield, 10 from 79, 12.7%.

3.10 STANLEY RACING HANDICAP (£5,771: 1m 3f 200yd) (15)

1 (8) 2551 MUCH SOUGHT AFTER 6 (CD,G,S) D Morley 5-10-0 (4ex) .... M Tebbutt 89
2 (14) 0260 VISHNU 135 (D,F,G) J Eyre 4-9-10 .... J Fortune 85
3 (6) 154- TEEN JAY 133J (S) S Sherwood 4-9-10 .... J Williams 85
4 (7) 5225 MAD MILITANT 63 (C,D,F,G) R Hollinshead 5-9-9 .... M Wigham 88
5 (4) 2231 GHAALI 25 (B,D,F) W Hern 3-9-9 .... M Birch 88
6 (5) 0150 WEST BUOYANT 48 (BF,F) J Dunlop 3-9-6 .... W Newnes 94
7 (12) 1525 BLUE BLAZER 13 (C,G,S) B Hanbury 4-9-5 .... W Ryan 93
8 (9) 3302 FOUNDRY LANE 36 (F) Mrs M Reveley 3-9-2 .... R Cochrane 91
9 (15) 0262 ADDATH 45 H Cecil 3-9-2 .... A McGlone 85
10 (1) 1011 CANZONET 88 (D,G) M Prescott 3-9-0 .... G Duffield 94
11 (13) 1122 TULU 7 (B,S) Mrs J Ramsden 3-9-0 .... B Thomson 99
12 (2) 3254 CONTRACT ELITE 60 (D,F,S) C Thornton 4-8-9 .... T Williams 90
13 (3) 3230 PORTOLANO 13 C Williams 3-8-8 .... N Carlisle 90
14 (10) -200 LARRIKIN 7 (G) Lord Huntingdon 5-8-8 .... G Hind 88
15 (11) 5341 FIRST BID 9 (D,F,G,S) R Whitaker 7-8-8 (4ex) .... A Culhane 90

9-2 Tulu, 5-1 Addath, 7-1 Much Sought After, Canzonet, Ghaali, 10-1 Foundry Lane, First Bid, 12-1 others.

3.40 STANLEY LEISURE ORGANISATION DREAM MILE HANDICAP (£6,158: 1m 30yd) (11)

1 (1) 1424 EVER SO LYRICAL 23 (D,BF,F,G) P Harris 4-9-10 .... R Cochrane 95
2 (3) 2343 ARZ 25 (D,G) H Thomson Jones 3-9-9 .... N Carlisle 93
3 (5) 1451 CELESTIAL CHOIR 13 (D,F,G) J Eyre 4-9-9 .... J Fortune 99
4 (10) 4003 LADY LODGER 10 (D,S) M Prescott 3-9-9 .... G Duffield 98
5 (9) 5213 SECOND CHANCE 13 (D,F,G) P Mitchell 4-9-8 .... S Sanders (5) 96
6 (6) 0330 CANARY FALCON 24 M Stoute 3-9-0 .... G Hind 91
7 (2) 0001 MASTER BEVELED 20 (CD,F,G,S) P Evans 4-8-12 .... J Stack (5) 96
8 (8) 5603 HARDING 9 J Dunlop 3-8-10 .... W Ryan 97
9 (7) 1085 TOLLS CHOICE 9 (D,F,S) M W Easterby 5-8-5 .... C Monday (7) 96
10 (11) 0500 EJTAAZ 10 M Pipe 3-8-5 .... A McGlone 95
11 (4) 0050 SARTIGILA 18 (D,S) M Hammond 5-8-2 .... J Marshall (5) 90

4-1 Ever So Lyrical, 5-1 Arz, Celestial Choir, 6-1 Lady Lodger, 7-1 Harding, 8-1 Second Chance, Master Beveled, 10-1 others.

4.10 STANLEY SNOOKER NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £3,591: 6f) (7)

1 (3) 3321 STAR TULIP 25 (D,F) J Dunlop 9-7 .... W Ryan 90
2 (2) 3425 ARASONG 55 (F) E Weymes 9-3 .... G Hind 89
3 (6) 3450 SOLO PRIZE 13 (B,S) G Lewis 8-12 .... J Williams 96
4 (1) 1050 QUESTION ALI 16 (D,F) J Berry 8-11 .... P Roberts (7) 99
5 (7) 1040 MASTER M-E-N 13 (B,F) J Berry 8-7 .... J Fortune 89
6 (5) 0006 BOLLIN HARRY 9 M H Easterby 7-12 .... N Carlisle 88
7 (4) 0523 WESTCOURT PRINCESS 56 M W Easterby 7-7 .... D Wright (5) 84

6-4 Star Tulip, 5-1 Question Ali, 6-1 Westcourt Princess, Arasong, 8-1 Solo Prize, Bollin Harry, Master M-E-N

4.45 STANLEY CLUBS CONDITIONS STAKES (£4,203: 1m 6f) (6)

1 (1) DAMIER BLANC 130J (D,G,S) M Pipe 5-9-5 .... A McGlone —
2 (2) 60 JUBILEE LINE 44 D Arbuthnot 4-8-10 .... J Williams —
3 (4) 0140 POLTARF 38 (F) H Cecil 3-8-9 .... W Ryan 97
4 (3) 1316 SHONARA'S WAY 16 (G,S) R Charlton 3-8-6 .... R Cochrane 99
5 (6) 3311 TETHYS 23 (D,F) J Eyre 3-8-6 .... J Fortune 87
6 (5) 0310 LEOPARDESS 68 (S) C Brittain 3-8-2 .... B Doyle 87

7-4 Shonara's Way, Poltarf, 9-2 Tethys, 5-1 Leopardess, 25-1 Jubilee Line, Damier Blanc

REDCAR

THUNDERER
2.20 David James' Girl. 2.50 Roseate Lodge. 3.20 Vocalize. 3.55 Tu Opes. 4.25 In The Swing. 4.55 Here Comes A Star.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating:
4.25 IN THE SWING.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.25 In The Swing.

GOING: GOOD SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.20 SCARBOROUGH SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,253: 6f) (26 runners)

1 1604 MEDIA EXPRESS 9 (G) T Mills 9-4 .... Stephen Davies (3) 9
2 01 DAVID JAMES' GIRL 8 (S) A Bailey 8-13 .... A Mackay 15
3 0550 MY FIRST PAIGE 18 (B,D,F) N Tinkler 8-13 .... Kim Tinkler 24
4 5130 SPECIAL-K 25 (D,F) E Weymes 8-13 .... Dean McKeown 3
5 0400 BALLYWILLIAN 21 R Fahey 8-11 .... J Fanning 25
6 BUNKER J Pearce 8-11 .... Dale Gibson 26
7 0040 EXCLUSIVE ASSEMBLY 44 A James 8-11 .... F Norton 22
8 6423 HARVEST REAPER 9 M Channon 8-11 .... R Hughes 12
9 3400 JUST DANDY 9 J Wilson 8-11 .... J Weaver 7
10 0602 KINGDOM 15 G Lewis 8-11 .... Paul Eddery 14
11 NO KOMPARISON P McBride 8-11 .... S Whitworth 21
12 60U RED HASSETT 9 P Blockley 8-11 .... T Wall 4
13 004 SUPERBIT 43 J Fitzgerald 8-11 .... T Ives 11
14 00 UPEX LE GOLD TOO 20 Mrs A Swinbank 8-11 .... N Connorton 2
15 EARLY WED A Smith 8-6 .... M Wood 17
16 5303 FLOODLINE LADY 4 (BF) Mrs J Ramsden 8-6 .... K Fallon 16
17 063 JHAN JEON 49 R Fahey 8-6 .... S Maloney 13
18 0 KEEN GOLD 43 B Murray 8-6 .... S D Williams 5
19 6 MAKE TIME 10 J Pearce 8-6 .... G Bardwell 20
20 0P OUR BAIRN 25 W Bentley 8-6 .... N Adams 18
21 564 PREZZEMOLA 29 D Morley 8-6 .... D Harrison 23
22 03 TISH 115 A Smith 8-6 .... S Webster 8
23 TODAY TONITE J Pearce 8-6 .... S Lanigan (7) 10
24 TRAVEL OUT Mrs M Reveley 8-6 .... K Darley 19
25 02 WARDARA 6 (V) M Camacho 8-6 .... L Charnock 1
26 0 WARRIOR LADY 30 P McBride 8-6 .... R Price 6

4-1 Wardara, 5-1 David James' Girl, 11-2 Special-K, 6-1 Floodline Lady, 8-1 Make Time, Kingdom, 10-1 Harvest Reaper, 12-1 others.

2.50 MISSISSIPPI AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP (£3,467: 1m) (30)

1 1001 WINTER SCOUT 27 (F,G) Mrs M Reveley 6-12-0 .... Miss J Russell (5) 29
2 5200 MONTONE 10 (F,G,S) J L Harris 4-11-11 .... M Mannish (5) 13
3 0003 ROSEATE LODGE 55 (D,BF,F,G) K Burke 8-11-10 .... S Astaire (5) 20
4 0006 SUPER BENZ 22 (C,F,G,S) B Beasley 8-11-10 .... R Hale 19
5 6300 ALPINE SKIER 30 (S) Mrs M Reveley 3-11-7 .... E Babington (5) 26
6 4005 BOLD HABIT 18 (F,G) J Pearce 9-11-7 .... Mrs L Pearce 17
7 3206 OLD COMRADES 6 (D,F,G) T Barron 7-11-6 .... Mrs A Dennis (5) 30
8 5452 MOVE SMARTLY 28 (D,F) F Lee 4-11-6 .... Miss E Johnson Houghton 23
9 2044 ACROSS THE BAY 20 (V,D,F,G,S) T Barron 7-11-5 .... Mrs A Farrell 16
10 -050 SIR KRISPIN 38 P Harris 4-11-1 .... Miss A Elsey (5) 2
11 2312 SCARABEN 118 (S) S Kettlewell 6-11-1 .... Mrs D Kettlewell (5) 25
12 5514 BAYOU 39 (C,F) C Booth 3-10-12 .... Miss A Deniel (5) 22
13 5400 HABETA 49 (D,F,G) J Watts 8-10-12 .... S Swiers 3
14 2222 CARLTON EXPRESS 27 (BF) J Eyre 4-10-9 .... P Looker (5) 11
15 6045 THATCHED 20 (CD,F) R Barr 4-10-8 .... Miss P Robson 14
16 0040 TIMES ZANDO 9 (D,F,G) J Wilson 3-10-7 .... Miss J Bond (5) 1
17 5510 THE DANDY DON 51 (S) Denys Smith 5-10-6 .... Miss M Carson (5) 15
18 -018 ROAR ON TOUR 84 (BF,G) Mrs M Reveley 5-10-4 .... M Naughton (5) 18
19 /60 CALIFORNIA DREAMIN 17 C Fairhurst 5-10-4 .... Mrs D McHale (5) 5
20 0100 GYMCRAK CYRANO 4 (F,S) N Chamberlain 5-10-2 .... Miss C Metcalfe (5) 24
21 0006 PAIR OF JACKS 8 (G) D Wilson 4-10-1 .... Mrs D Arbuthnot 9
22 -000 FOXTOWNS GIRL 8 (V) J Bosley 3-10-0 .... Mrs S Bosley (5) 8
23 0060 HADI 10J W Storey 3-10-0 .... Miss S Storey (5) 4
24 3200 PREJON 20 G Lewis 3-9-13 .... Miss B Craven (5) 8
25 6630 STARICA 4 (B) W Elsey 3-9-10 .... Miss J Southall (5) 10
26 6026 PERSONIMUS 97 J Wilson 4-9-10 .... Mrs G Rees 7
27 -000 COLMAR 49 J Spearing 4-9-10 .... Miss C Spearing (5) 12
28 -000 BLAIN 98 B Rothwell 3-9-9 .... Miss Alex McCabe (5) 28
29 0050 LANGTONIAN 24 (B) (B) J Eyre 5-9-7 .... Miss Diana Jones 27
30 0205 A SUITABLE GIRL 7J (B) G Eden 3-9-7 .... Miss Tracey Read (5) 21

4-1 Move Smartly, 6-1 Winter Scout, 7-1 Scaraben, Super Benz, 8-1 Thatched, 10-1 Carlton Express, 12-1 Old Comrades, Bold Habit, 16-1 others.

3.20 TATTERSALLS AUCTION NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £3,293: 6f) (13)

1 2315 CORIO 6 (D,F,G) Miss S Hall 9-7 .... N Varley 11
2 5414 HIGH RANKING 27 (F) M H Easterby 9-4 .... S Maloney 6
3 2241 TEE TEE TOO 20 (D,G) P Haslam 9-0 .... J Weaver 7
4 4430 SATISFIED PRINCE 13 (V,G) J Berry 8-13 .... K Darley 3
5 2215 VOCALIZE 16 (D,F) Mrs J Ramsden 8-11 .... K Fallon 12
6 040 BULSARA 44 C Fairhurst 8-10 .... J Fanning 8
7 1646 TOMAL 13 (C,F) R Ingram 8-3 .... D Harrison 10
8 684 LEHMANS LADY 20 Mrs M Reveley 8-0 .... Darren Moffatt (5) 13
9 006 PERRYSTON VIEW 18 (V) P Calver 8-0 .... Dale Gibson 5
10 005 OUR TOM 18 J Wharton 7-13 .... A Mackay 2
11 0040 EMBEZZLER 11 (B) G Lewis 7-12 .... N Adams 9
12 6000 TABARD GARDEN 11 D Nicholls 7-10 .... L Charnock 4
13 3000 SECOND CELLO 4 D Morris 7-9 .... Stephen Davies (3) 1

4-1 High Ranking, 9-2 Vocalize, 5-1 Corio, 11-2 Tomal, 6-1 others.

3.55 BRITISH GAS HANDICAP (£5,420: 7f) (14)

1 2110 ELLE SHAPED 48 (D,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-13 .... K Darley 3
2 0-00 CHEVEUX MITCHELL 7 (V,D,F,G) M Channon 7-9-0 .... R Hughes 2
3 1030 TU OPES 13 (CD,F,G) J L Harris 3-8-12 .... A Mackay 12
4 0160 TO CROWN IT ALL 25 (B,F) F Lee 3-8-11 .... T Ives 1
5 -140 HILARY GERRARD 81 (D,G,S) Mrs J Cecil 4-8-10 .... Paul Eddery 9
6 1202 MISS RITZ 9 (D,BF,G,S) M Johnston 4-8-7 .... J Weaver 5
7 3050 TRUE PRECISION 15 (G,S) J Bethell 4-8-7 .... D Harrison 4
8 1000 BENEFICIARY 25 (CD,F,G,S) M H Easterby 3-8-6 .... S Maloney 7
9 5000 DENSBEN 6 (C,F,G,S) Denys Smith 10-8-2 .... K Fallon 11
10 0000 OOH AH CANTONA 13 (CD,F) R Whitaker 3-8-2 .... Stephen Davies (3) 6
11 2050 GANT BLEU 79 (CD,F,G,S) R Whitaker 7-7-10 .... Dale Gibson 14
12 4653 BOGART 17 C Fairhurst 3-7-10 .... N Adams 8
13 3400 HALMANERROR 23 Mrs J Ramsden 4-7-9 .... J Fanning 13
14 4001 DREAM CARRIER 20 (D,F,G) T Barron 6-7-7 .... N Varley (5) 10

3-1 Densben, 4-1 Elle Shaped, 6-1 Bogart, 7-1 Dream Carrier, 8-1 others.

4.25 NEWBY MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,382: 7f) (18)

1 0 ANOTHER TIME 28 Miss S Hall 9-0 .... N Connorton 2
2 BEAU MATELOT J Bethell 9-0 .... Dale Gibson 11
3 2200 BIASED VIEW 6 W Bentley 9-0 .... N Adams 1
4 26 BLUE LUGANA 79 (BF) N Bycroft 9-0 .... S Maloney 16
5 0 EURODOUBLE 132 D Nicholls 9-0 .... Alex Greaves 5
6 55 FULL GLOSS 71 Mrs M Reveley 9-0 .... S Copp (7) 10
7 00 KINDRED GREETING 17 D Morris 9-0 .... Stephen Davies (3) 4
8 2 LAST ROUNDUP 8 C Thornton 9-0 .... Dean McKeown 12
9 5 MOUNTGATE 35 M Bell 9-0 .... J Weaver 8
10 0 MR CHRISTIE 9 Miss L Siddall 9-0 .... F Norton 15
11 ROY BOY Mrs M Reveley 9-0 .... K Darley 6
12 00 SEDVICTA 53 Mrs M Reveley 9-0 .... Darren Moffatt (5) 14
13 SHINING EXAMPLE P Makin 9-0 .... Paul Eddery 13
14 0 CLOETTE 13 W O'Gorman 8-9 .... T Ives 3
15 DINA'S DELIGHT M Camacho 8-9 .... L Charnock 7
16 623 IN THE SWING 27 P McBride 8-9 .... K Fallon 17
17 00 KRALINGEN 48 N Chamberlain 8-9 .... S Webster 9
18 PASS MARK J Fanshawe 8-9 .... D Harrison 18

5-2 In The Swing, 3-1 Last Roundup, 4-1 Pass Mark, 7-1 others.

4.55 HORNSEA HANDICAP (£4,262: 6f) (19)

1 0000 HERE COMES A STAR 11 (D,F,G) J Carr 6-10-0 .... K Darley 14
2 0400 SO INTREPID 20 (D,S) P Harris 4-10-0 .... S Whitworth 6
3 0500 KING RAT 13 (D,F,G) M Johnston 3-9-11 .... J Weaver 5
4 1511 SKY MUSIC 25 (D,F) Miss S Hall 3-9-11 .... Stephen Davies (3) 11
5 4163 BOURSIN 20 (C,D,F,G) P Calver 5-9-9 .... Dale Gibson 7
6 0600 NORDAN RAIDER 14 (D,F,S) M Camacho 6-9-8 .... L Charnock 15
7 0020 VISIMOTION 10 (F,BF) Mrs J Cecil 4-9-8 .... Paul Eddery 1
8 5610 PALO BLANCO 14 (F,G) T Barron 3-9-7 .... J Fanning 16
9 0303 SOBERING THOUGHTS 15 (D,F,G) J Eyre 8-9-4 .... N Adams 8
10 3104 OARE SPARROW 13 (CD,F,S) P Walwyn 4-9-3 .... D Harrison 17
11 0300 JADE CITY 15 (F) J Fitzgerald 4-9-2 .... K Fallon 13
12 1000 LADY SILK 6 (D,G,S) J Hetherton 3-8-13 .... S Webster 4
13 6350 LOCHON 8 (D,G) W Barker 3-8-13 .... Darren Moffatt (5) 9
14 3000 MHEANMETOO 22 (F) M H Easterby 3-8-12 .... S Maloney 2
15 1212 JOHNNIE THE JOKER 34 (B,D,F,G) J Leigh 3-8-11 .... Dean McKeown 3
16 0001 BLUE GRIT 31 (C,D,F,G,S) M Dods 8-8-9 .... N Connorton 12
17 0030 MISS ARAGON 20 (D,F,G) Miss L Siddall 6-8-3 .... F Norton 19
18 3506 DIET 8 (V,D,F,G,S) Miss L Perratt 8-8-2 .... N Varley (5) 10
19 6000 WILLSHE GAN 6 (C,F,S) Denys Smith 4-8-2 .... C Teague (7) 18

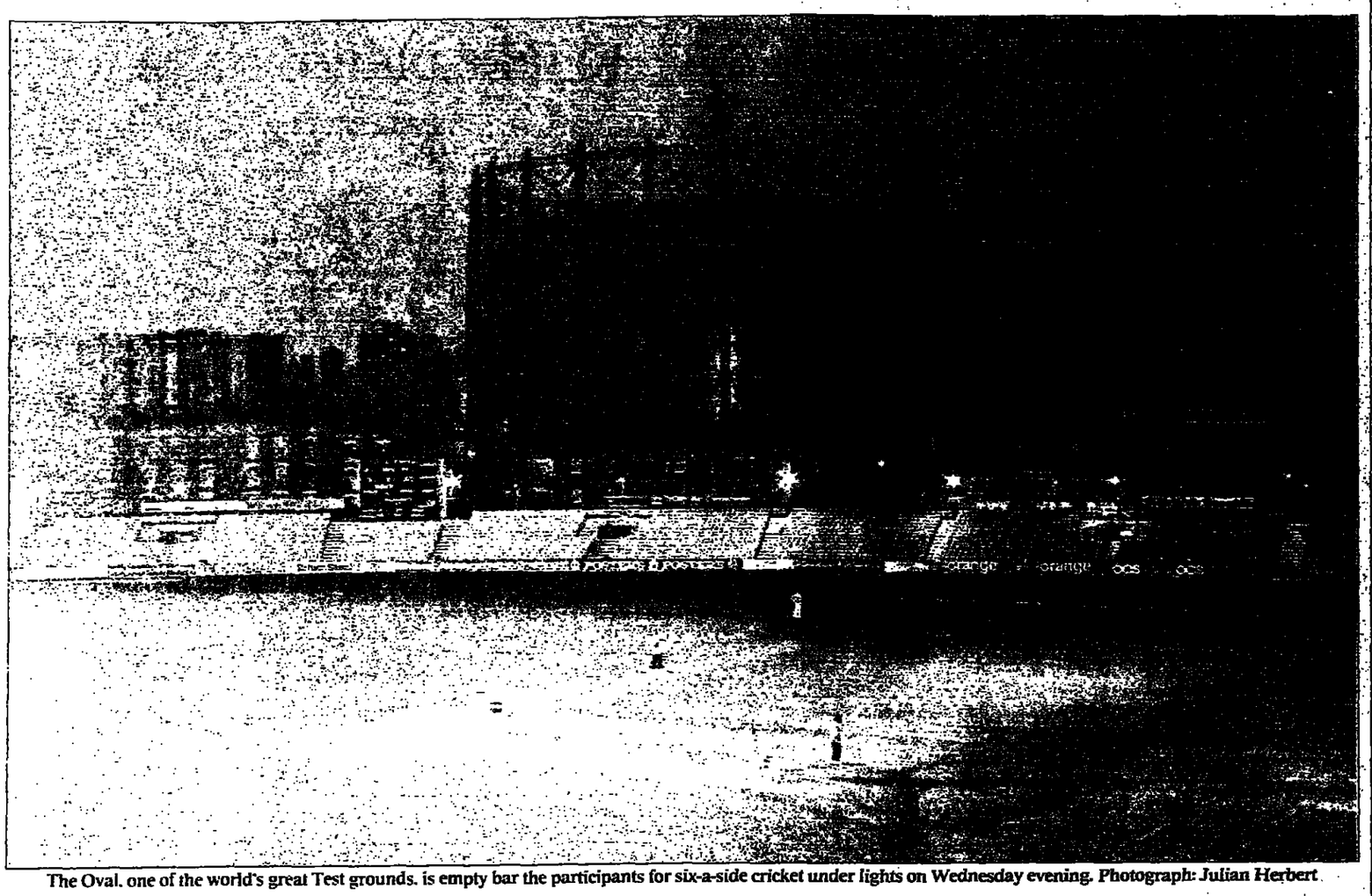
4-1 Oare Sparrow, 5-1 Sky Music, 11-2 Johnnie The Joker, 6-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: P Walwyn, 3 winners from 6 runners, 50.0%; P Harris, 7 from 23, 30.4%; M Channon, 5 from 21, 23.8%; G Lewis, 3 from 14, 21.4%; J Harris, 4 from 20, 20.0%; Mrs J Cecil, 3 from 17, 17.6%.

JOCKEYS: Paul Eddery, 20 winners from 83 rides, 24.1%; K Darley, 46 from 243, 18.9%; D Harrison, 5 from 33, 15.2%; Darren Moffatt, 6 from 46, 13.0%; J Weaver, 9 from 73, 12.3%.

Dark day for cricket as lights go up on six-a-side competition at the Oval



The Oval, one of the world's great Test grounds, is empty bar the participants for six-a-side cricket under lights on Wednesday evening. *Photograph: Julian Herbert*

Rotten enterprise worthy of contempt

I am sorry now that this column, over the years, has contained occasional notes of jocularity: been guilty of whimsy, expressed fanciful, even quirkish, sentiments ... for today's offering is deadly serious. I should not want anyone to think otherwise. Today I ask readers to wipe the anticipatory smirk from their faces.

People who love sport are entitled to poke waggish fun at it. People who exploit sport, treat contests with ignominy, ignore the majesty and the very meaning of a game in order to line their pockets, deserve contempt.

In defence of the promoters of six-a-side cricket, it has been argued that they were misguided: as a moment of consideration would have shown them the error of their ways, it is an excuse I do not accept. Six-a-side cricket played at professional level on a full-size ground is a rotten game. The International Floodlit Sixes competition perpetrated at the Oval on Wednesday and cancelled yesterday was an insult to cricket and those who love it: base, tedious, unworthy — and, if I had not loaned *Roget's Thesaurus* to my granddaughter, Marf, I would have added similar words to describe the action for which admission cost a scandalous £17.50.

The rules of this game — as apparently played with some success in the cricketing bastions of Hong Kong and Bangkok — persuaded one to give it a chance. Matches take 40 minutes. Innings comprise five overs, one bowled by each player other than the wicketkeeper. Wides and no-balls count four runs. Batsmen scoring 31 retire. Bowlers' run-ups are limited to 15 yards.

On my way across the river I selected my dream team: Sobers, Botham, Imran Khan, Hadlee, Clive Lloyd, with Derek Randall as the padded, gloved guardian of the area from third man to deep fine leg via long stop. And I considered the field placing: would three slips and a gully be over-ambitious?

On Wednesday action was to start at 3pm. Umpires inspected the pitch and rumour had it that morning rain was the cause of the delayed 4.20 start. Counter-rumours had it that the players were on strike, that the promoters were in conference with players holding out for an Archer, an instalment of their fee. (An Archer is £2,000 ... a cash transfer on Victoria Station.)

By 4.45 any reasonable crowd would have been singing "Why Are We Waiting?" But we were not such



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an assembly: a press-box full of hacks and a few dozen autograph hunters was about the extent of it. Nor was there food on offer.

In the words of a steward whom I asked to guide me to a buffet, "the Oval is not geared to look after ordinary spectators: anything worth having goes to the corporate hospitality boxes."

So I went to the bar and had a steak and kidney pie of such egregious disgustingness that one should have pursued the perpetrator and demanded his resignation. Inside a barely edible covering of vulcanised pastry, heated to a temperature that eliminated any vestige of flavour, encased in a sauce compared to which Daddy's would be deemed *haute cuisine*, were scraps of meat and gristle: sachets of tomato ketchup were extra.

Finally, at 5pm on a sunny autumn afternoon, players representing India and Pakistan walked onto the pitch. I missed the announcement of who opened the bowling but the field setting was: deep mid-wicket; extra cover; third man; long leg. India or Pakistan won; it depended on whom you asked.

Then it was England v The Legends. Greenidge opened the bowling. His first ball was hit for six; someone said, "Oh look, a six". Then he bowled a wide. There were not enough people around the ground for this to register.

Derek Underwood bowled: one over, beautiful action, appears to have lost the power to spin.

He was followed by legendary Collis King, from the Vauxhall End, who conceded three fours and a six. Hitting boundaries on what looks like an empty field is neither entertaining to observe nor a significant achievement to perpetrate. Ball-by-ball commentary would have relieved the monotony ... but perhaps the commentator was in dispute also.

What are these people doing abusing the game that brought them fame and fortune? Dermot Reeve attempting a reverse sweep when there were no fielders behind the wicket, then missing a straight slow ball; Jeff Thomson bowling about as fast as I can bowl. "Just wait until the lights go on," said one of the organisers when most of us were looking forward to kindly oblivion.

This is a game that might be played behind public houses by half-cut account executives who fancy themselves with the bat. To lend a Test ground to such piffle, for umpires of the status of David Shepherd and John Holder to permit themselves to be purchased, is a disgrace. For Geoff Boycott to act as match referee and write "I shall certainly be keeping my eyes firmly on the ball and what is happening to it", then be absent from the ground when the game was due to begin is what happens when money rather than sense prevails.

Yesterday's news that it is all over was a step in the right direction but must have infuriated the sponsors and came too late to save the reputations of men who should have known better and probably did not need the money they are now unlikely to receive.

RADIO CHOICE

Masked balls and fantasy

Born Under the Star of Comedy. *Radio 3, 10.45pm.*

Sooner or later in the 18th century, Venice, city of masked balls and six-month-long carnivals, was bound to produce a sparkling playwright such as Carlo Goldoni. And, sooner or later in that century, someone was going to administer the *coup de grâce* to *commedia dell'arte*, once-popular entertainment that was already sagging at the knees. Joe Farrell's documentary is strong on Goldoni's theatrical reforms. He led the movement that substituted written text and realism for improvisation and knockabout fantasy. Farrell was physically in Venice to record his impressions. He is aesthetically in Venice, too, which is every bit as important.

Let's Do the Show Right Here. *Radio 2, 7.00pm.*

Two things will occur to you about the first session of this musical comedy quiz show. The first is that Sheridan Morley, one of the players, should not be encouraged to sing on the air — or, for that matter, anywhere else. Second, the quiz master, Mark Steyn, should stop bawling at us as if we were sitting a quarter of a mile away in the back seat of the Hollywood Bowl. Once these two little matters are seen to, this quiz should settle down to become an entertaining way to while away half an hour on Friday evenings. Morley's fellow contestants are Julia McKenzie (who should be encouraged to sing at every opportunity), Louise Gold and the phenomenally encyclopaedic Dick Vosburgh.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo: 4.00am Brunch Brookes 6.30 Steve Wright 9.00 Simon Mayo incl the Golden Hour 12.00 Emma Freud incl at 12.30pm Newsbeat 2.00 Mark Goodier incl at 3.45 *The Adventures of* Superman 4.00 Nicky Campbell with Drivetime, incl at 5.30-5.45 Newsbeat 7.00 Pete Tong's Essential Selection 10.00 John Peel: A session from Crawley-based indie dub band Luke Slater's 7th Plain, and voodoo-billy lovepunk from San Diego featuring Trumen's Water 1.00am Mark Tonderai plays reggae and hip-hop through the night

RADIO 2

FM Stereo: 6.00am Martin Kelner 6.15 Pause for Thought 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.15 Pause for Thought 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 2.00pm Gloria Hunniford 3.30 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Let's do the Show Right Here: See Choice 7.30 Friday Night is Music Night 9.30 Listen to the Band: The Ever Ready Band 10.00 Tim Grundy celebrates the centenary of the Manchester Ship Canal 12.05am Digby Fairweather with Jazz Notes 1.00 Charles Nove with Night Ride

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Breakfast Programme; incl at 6.55 and 7.55 5 Live Racing Preview 8.35 The Magazine; Incl at 9.40 Video Review; 10.35 Europe News; 11.15 Chain Reaction 12.00 Midday with Mair, incl at 12.34pm Moneycheck 2.05 Russoe on Five 4.00 John Inverdale Nationwide 7.00 News Extra, incl at 7.20 the day's sport 7.35 Parkinson on Sport 9.05 Now the Good News, with Bill Hamilton and Eddie "The Eagle" Edwards 10.05 Stop Press with John Diamond 10.35 Financial Week 11.00 Night Extra, incl 11.45 Financial World Tonight 12.05am After Hours 2.00 Up All Night

WORLD SERVICE

News on the Hour. Times in BST. 4.30am BBC English 4.45 Fruhmagazin 5.03 Morgenmagazin 5.27 News in German 6.30 Europe Today 7.15 World Today 7.30 Meridian 8.15 Off the Shelf: *The Real Life of Sebastian Knight* 8.30 Thinking Machines 9.10 Words of Faith 9.15 Music Review 10.05 Business Report 10.15 *Global Concerns* 10.30 On the Move 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.01 Focus on Faith 11.30 BBC English 11.45 Mittagsmagazin 12.30pm Meridian 1.10 Words of Faith 1.15 Thinking Machines 1.45 Sports Round-up 2.00 Newshour 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Off the Shelf 3.45 Global Concerns 4.15 BBC English 4.30 News in German 5.15 BBC English 6.05 Business Report 6.15 World Today 6.30 News and Features in German 8.05 Outlook 8.30 Europe Today 9.10 Words of Faith 9.15 World Today 9.30 *Science in Action* 11.05 Business Report 11.15 People and Politics 11.45 Sport 12.30am Multitrack 1.15 Women's Magazine 1.30 From the Weeklies 1.45 Learning World 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Worldbrief 2.45 Jazz 3.30 People and Politics

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Lunchtime Concerto: Mozart (Clarinet Concerto in A) 3.00 James Crick 6.00 Classic Reports 7.00 Classic Verdict 8.00 Evening Concert: The Chicago Symphony Orchestra: Saint-Saëns (Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso); Strauss (Don Quixote); Respighi (Fountains of Rome); Mussorgsky (Pictures at an Exhibition) 10.00 Jane Markham 1.00am Robert Booth

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6.00am Russ and Jono 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Wendy Lloyd 7.00 Nick Abbot 10.00 N.J. Williams 2.00-6.00am Paul Coyte

RADIO 3

6.30 **Open University:** American Conversations: John Lewis. 6.55 Weather

7.00 **On Air:** Telemann (Sinfonia in F); Beethoven (Neue Liebe, neues Leven); Sibelius (Movements from the Swanwhite Suite, Op 54); Rossini (Overture William Tell); Liszt (Transcendental Study No 11, Harmonies du soir; Transcendental Study No 12, Chasse neige); Mozart (Ergo interest, K143)

9.00 **Composer of the Week: William Walton.** Gappriccio Burlesco; The Twelve; Symphony No 2

10.00 **Musical Encounters:** Michael Torke (Green); Debussy (En blanc et noir: Stephen Coombs and Christopher Scott, pianos); *Artist of the Week:* Joan Sutherland, soprano. Handel (Let the bright Seraphin, Samson); Roussel (The Spider's Banquet); Martinu (Oboe Concerto); Gounod (Jewel Song, *Faust*); Milhaud (Le boeuf sur le toit)

12.00 **Voices** (r)

1.00pm **Chamber Music from Manchester:** Keith Swallow and John Wilson, pianos, play music for four hands. Liszt (Hamlet); Milhaud (Scaramouche, Op 165b); Fauré (Prélude, fileuse and sdaglio, Pelléas et Mélisande); Stravinsky (Petrushka, First scene)

2.00 **Schools:** *The Song Tree: the Starcatcher* 2.15 Together Stories; Dance Workshop 2.50 Poetry Corner

3.00 **Friday Afternoons:** Bizet (Jeux d'enfants for piano duet, Op 22); Britten (Friday afternoons for children's voices and piano, Op 7; Canadian variations for flute, violin and piano duet, Op 78); Schubert (Psalm 23, Gott ist mein Hirt, D706); Britten (Missa brevis for boys' voices and organ, Op 63)

4.30 **Voices of Africa:** Abdul Karim El Kabli, a Sudanese poet, musician and composer, talks to Lucy Duran about life, art, music and folklore, and plays the oud, or lute

5.15 **In Tune:** Beethoven, arr Liszt (First movement, Allegro con brio, Symphony No 5); Rameau (Overture, Les Boréades); Verdi (De' miei bollenti spiriti, *La Traviata*); Shostakovich (Waltz and Scherzo, Ballet Suite No 4)

7.30 **Spitalfields Festival 1994:** The City of London Sinfonia under Mark Elder. Buller (Mr Purcell's Maggot); Purcell, ed Britten (Chacony); Britten (Lachrymae for viola and strings); Buller (Mr Purcell's Maggot, 2nd); Haydn (Symphony No 80 in D minor)

9.05 **Endellion Quartet** plays Haydn (String Quartet in C, Op 33 No 3, Bird; String Quartet in F minor, Op 20 No 5); Webern (Langsammer Satz); Haydn (String Quartet in D minor, Op 76 No 2, Fifths) (r)

10.45 **Friday Feature: Born under the Star of Comedy.** See Choice

11.10-12.30am **Midnight Oil:** Contemporary sounds introduced by Alwynne Pritchard. Ian Wilson (Bane and Ivan); Hewitt (Dialogue and Elegy)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing, incl 6.03 Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day with Rev David Winter 6.30 Today incl half-hourly News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 *The Man who Planted Trees*: the remarkable story of Elzeard Bouffier (r) 8.58 Weather

9.00 **News** 9.05 **Desert Island Discs:** The castaway is the composer John Tavener, who talks to Sue Lawley about his choice of favourite records (r)

9.45 **Feedback,** with Chris Dunkley

10.00 **An Act of Worship** (LW only)

10.15 **Paradise Lost** (LW only)

10.00 **News; Hindsight** (FM only): How mankind went from a bird bone whistle to the electric guitar in only 30,000 years

10.30 **Woman's Hour.** Serial: *Burning Bright*

11.30 **The Natural History Programme**

12.00pm **News; You and Yours** with Tasneem Sidiqi

12.25 **The Food Programme:** Derek Cooper finds out why Coca-Cola is so popular

12.55 Weather

1.00 **The World at One**

1.40 **The Archers** 1.55 Shipping

2.00 **News; Classic Serial: Lost Empires,** by J.B. Priestley (r)

3.00 **News; Anderson Country**

4.00 **News** 4.05 **Kaleidoscope:** Louisa Buck sees an exhibition of Patrick Heron's work, and talks to the artist about his giant new paintings. Plus a review of the first night of the Lillian Hellman play, *The Children's Hour*

4.45 **Short Story: The Doll,** by Vernon Lee. In search of antiques in Italy, a collector comes across a very unusual piece, a life-size doll which is an exact replica of the old Count's first wife. Read by Judy Bridgland (r)

5.00 **PM** 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather

6.00 **Six O'Clock News**

6.30 **The Street:** Backroad West, St Ives, Cornwall

7.00 **News** 7.05 **The Archers**

7.20 **Pick of the Week:** Christopher Serle presents extracts from BBC radio and television from the past seven days

8.05 **Any Questions?** Nick Clarke invites an audience in Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire, puts topical questions to Glenda Jackson MP, Norman Lamont MP, *Times* columnist Matthew Parris and Matthew Taylor MP

8.50 **Advice Line:** Presented by Debra Brehan

9.15 **Letter from America,** by Alistair Cooke

9.30 **Kaleidoscope Feature:** Alex Welsh: *The Lemonade King:* Writer John Harvey recalls the rise and fall of the jazz trumpeter (r) 9.58 Weather

10.00 **The World Tonight**

10.45 **Book at Bedtime: The Stone Diaries,** by Carols Shields

11.00 **Week Ending,** with Sally Grace, Jeffrey Holland, Toby Longworth and Susie Brann

11.25 **Fourth Column,** with Alexei Sayle

11.50 **Rushes 11:** Looking at laughter

12.00-12.43am **News** incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast 12.43 As World Service (LW only)

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Exclusion of Scots provokes criticism

BY RICHARD EATON

A LETTER of protest at the exclusion of Scottish players from the British Olympic squad announced on Wednesday will follow strong criticism yesterday from Anne Smillie, the chief executive of the Scottish Badminton Union. "Getting badminton in to the Olympics has been just about the worst thing for Scotland," Smillie said, "because 90 per cent of all the funding goes to England."

Almost as big a criticism on this occasion relates to the inclusion of a Welsh player, Kelly Morgan, 19, whom the Scottish champion, Anne Gibson, beat last month in the Commonwealth Games. This selection was, indeed, a surprise and one that Andy Goode, the British Olympic manager, admitted was "a bit of a calculated gamble".

*The Scots are also disap*pointed that the Allen sisters, Jenny and Elinor, have been ignored, particularly as only one women's doubles pair has been included and two can go to the Olympics. "There seems to be no justification for the way in which all of this has been done. We are incensed," Smillie said.

Goode, an Englishman, replied: "The way is still open for Scots to force themselves into the squad if they do well on the British Grand Slam circuit. I have not chosen two women's doubles pairs because I am still hoping to bring in Gillian Gowers, who is outstanding, in which case there would be no point in including the Allens.

"The selection committee agreed it was worth trying Kelly Morgan because in addition to being talented she is young. But the door is not closed to anyone yet."

New event tempts Everest Milton

BY JENNY MACARTHUR

EVEREST Milton, the winner of more than £1.25 million in prize-money, will make a rare public appearance at the inaugural Daily Record International Masters Show-Jumping Grand Prix in Glasgow this weekend.

The four-day event, which takes place at the Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre and is backed by Glasgow City Council, is the brainchild of eight Scottish businessmen. At a cost of £500,000 they intend "to lead show jumping into the new century" by injecting glamour, excitement and vitality back into the sport.

Their trump card is money. The £200,000 prize fund is a record for a British show. The £26,000 first prize for the International Masters on Monday is second only to the Hickstead Derby. The Ultimate Speed Horse competition on Saturday carries a £10,000 first prize, which is £4,000 more than the grand prix at the Horse of the Year Show next week. There has been little difficulty in attracting the leading competitors. Michael Whitaker and the experienced Nick Skelton, of Britain, the European champion, Willi Melliger, of Switzerland, and Eddie Macken, of Ireland, are among 41 taking part.

John Whitaker, Michael's brother, is hoping that Milton, a former European champion and dual World Cup winner, will be fit to jump in the show's centrepiece, the International Masters.

The 17-year-old gelding, who will probably be retired at the end of the year, was "not quite right" for several weeks after competing at the Aachen Show in June but jumped well at the recent Wales and The West Show. "I don't know whether he'll hold up for Monday night — his age is catching up with him," Whitaker said yesterday. "I'll *jump him tomorrow and then* decide." Whitaker has an enviable substitute if required in Everest Grannusch. He won £110,000 — the world's richest show jumping prize — on the 15-year-old in Calgary two weeks ago.



Skelton: experienced



Michael Whitaker: keen

The event, which will be opened by Milton tonight in the presence of the Princess Royal, includes a Ladies' International Masters on Sunday with a £3,000 first prize. *Leading British entries* include Kelly Brown, a member of the British team at the world championships last month, Marie Edgar, the ladies' national champion, and her mother, Liz, four *times the national champion.*

Ludger Beerbaum, of Germany, the Olympic champion and holder of the World Cup, has withdrawn because of a knee injury.

Wigan seek to settle scores at Castleford

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

WIGAN have appeared invincible before and come away from Castleford embarrassed, never more so than last year, when a weakened side was trounced 46-0. It is not the only score that the champions hope to settle tonight by restoring their lead of the Stones Bitter rugby league championship.

The memory of another upset by Castleford in the *Regal Trophy final last Janu*ary was not entirely wiped out by victories against them in the Premiership final and Challenge Cup semi-final. Wigan have lost at Wheldon Road on their past three visits.

*Castleford's bubble this sea*son was burst spectacularly by St Helens last Sunday. Without Mike Ford, their playmaker at scrum half, and St John Ellis, the club's leading try-scorer last year, both now with South Queensland, they are not so potent a force.

Martin Pearson, of Featherstone Rovers, who was challenging Garry Schofield for the Great Britain stand-off half position in the forthcoming John Smith's series against Australia, is to drop out of the squad for an operation on damaged cruciate ligaments. Britain already have a doubt over Jonathan Davies, the Warrington centre, for the first international at Wembley on October 22.

Alan Tait, the Leeds full back, has been withdrawn from the Cumbria squad that provides Australia's first opposition at Workington on Sunday week. The Rugby Football League has ruled him ineligible as he was born in Scotland. Emosi Koloto, the Widnes and New Zealand forward, plans another comeback next week after surgery for a third time in five years.

Grealish gets time to prove himself

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL BY WALTER GAMMIE

TONY Grealish, the former Ireland international, has been promised an extended run as caretaker-manager of Bromsgrove Rovers. Grealish, a former player who had rejoined the club as coach at the start of the season, was promoted after the resignation of Bobby Hope.

Hope stood down because of the demands of his recently acquired catering business. He had spent 13 years in two spells at Bromsgrove, guiding them to the Vauxhall Conference and last season, for the first time, to the third round of the FA Cup.

Grealish took Bromsgrove to a 2-0 win at Dover Athletic in his first match in charge. "We don't want to disturb the equilibrium," Jack Sharkey, a club official, said. "Keith MacMaster, the chairman, is going to give Tony up to a month to see how things go.

"We haven't advertised, although there have been a number of applications. We're a small, homely club and want the minimum of interference."

The eight Conference clubs that safely came through the first qualifying round of the FA Cup do battle again tomorrow. No tie has a more appealing ring than Bishop Auckland's match at home to Gateshead.

Bishop Auckland, of the Northern Premier League, were a dominant force in the FA Amateur Cup, winning the trophy ten times. "We survive and thrive on cup competition," Steve Newcomb, the chairman, said. "We're hoping for a four-figure gate and a cracking match."

A pre-season encounter with Gateshead for the Durham Benevolent Bowl, which brought Bishop Auckland a 5-4 victory, reinforces his hopes. Recent form has been more shaky. A 1-0 defeat by Guisely on Wednesday was the third in a row.

"We've got a manager in Tony Lee who hates defeat and passes that on to the players, and we haven't been playing too badly," Newcomb said. "Tony is a former Gateshead manager who still feels hard done by at their letting him go, and he has a point to prove."

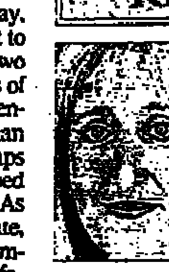
Newport AFC pulled in 2,144 spectators for their FA Trophy first qualifying round tie last Sunday, but the spoils still went to the visitors, Aldershot Town, who won 3-1.

Simon Quail was quickly off the mark for Wealdstone, scoring the first of the Beazer Homes southern division side's goals after just three minutes of his debut in a satisfying 3-0 win over Bromley, of the Diadora League premier division. A cloud over the club has been lifted with the news that they will not be further pursued for a tax demand on their ground sale.

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REVIEW



Lynne Truss

Just as there are warnings of bad (or "strong") language before selected programmes, so perhaps continuity announcers should take a look at a series such as The Edge (new on BBC2) and consider the issue from a different angle. "This Scottish mountaineering programme contains alarming scenes of men climbing vertical frozen waterfalls and crossing knife-edge ridges thousands of feet up. Given the shock of some of these images, viewers should be prepared for some bloody strong language *issuing from their own mouths*."

Part advertisement for the sublime Scottish mountain landscape, part historical reconstruction of Victorian pioneering, *The Edge* was beautifully filmed by very plucky cameramen, but for the vertiginous viewer it was unfortunately mainly an incitement to shout "Oh no!" and "Cripes!" and several less printable things as well. "Here we see top climber Jimmy Marshall on a rock face in Glencoe," said the narrator. "God Almighty!" I exclaimed. Another madman was shown assaulting the "Ring of Steall" at Glen Nevis — an 80ft sheer wall, which unhelpfully tips outwards and backwards rather than inwards and forwards. If this plucky chap succeeds, we were told, the Ring of Steall will become the hardest route ever climbed in Scotland. "No!" I shrieked, at which moment the madman suddenly lost his grip ("Flip!"), fell away from the rock ("Eek!"), and was jerked out of his death plummet when caught taut by a rope.

Several things worried me about *The Edge*, apart from the obvious one about everybody slipping down crevasses and needing splints. First: how do they get down afterwards? Second: were they obliged to do these climbs umpteen times, just for the sake of camera angles? And third: don't climbers ever peer at the next thousand-foot obstacle and say, "No, sorry, a joke's a joke"? Just to spice things up, *The Edge* took two modern climbers to the Cuillins of Skye, and dressed them in authentic Victorian garb as Norman Collie and John Mackenzie, chaps who first climbed and mapped these mountains in the 1880s. As all nervous people will appreciate, the sight of these two men scrambling on high precipices in unfamiliar early-technology walking-boots increased the interest considerably, in fact to an almost unbearable degree.

The mild disappointment of the evening was *Inside Story* (BBC1), which despite being a story, somehow failed to get inside it. The Silent Twin concerned June Gibbons, famously committed to Broadmoor with her identical twin sister Jennifer, when found jointly guilty of arson. These girls, both afflicted by speech impediments, had in childhood seemingly agreed that talking to other people wasn't worth the candle, and had risked the inevitable estrangement. Perhaps they reasoned that being the only black kids in Pembrokeshire, life was destined to be tough anyway. Besides, they had each other. At a special needs school in the 1970s, they were secretly filmed in misty black and white: sitting expressionless in the refectory, lifting tiny forkfuls of food, making their silent dinner last for hours.

But the point of the story was that last year, after more than a decade in Broadmoor (they were diagnosed schizophrenic retrospectively), Jennifer died suddenly, thus releasing June from the yoke of twindom. What must this feel like? It's what the world wants to know. Does June feel guilty for surviving, or exuberant? Interviewed at a clinic before her recent release on parole, she said she felt "ten times stronger", that she felt "grief, but also freedom". But what a let-down. Having experienced such a close union with another person and then lost it, June is like an envoy from another world — tell us June, what's it like to be *alone*?

Perhaps the film should have concentrated on the justice of the case instead. Why were the twins put in Broadmoor? Were they mad, or just unhappy? Was one twin mad and the other submissive? The point, I suppose, was that generally no one bothered to find out their differences, so they had no separate identities to claim.

Question: When is a rock star like a fish? Answer: When it's a pike! Sorry, I may have told that wrong, but it was quite funny when top angler Eddie Turner explained it last night on Channel 4's **Screaming Reels**. Pike are like rock stars, said Eddie, because they are big and fat! They live fast and they die young! (They occasionally get hoiked out of their pools, too, to pose for a picture!) As an analogy, you have to admit, it's not bad. And it is certainly indicative of the continuing (and successful) *Screaming Reels* agenda, which is to turn fishing into something hip, cool and relentlessly entertaining. Never again will we associate angling with a moist cheese sandwich and a faraway stare. From now on, it's sex (female pheromones attract male salmon), drugs (attract fish by injecting bait with oils), and rock and roll (like I said, pike).

Far be it from me to mock other people's names, but to find Albert Romp and Bob Nudd in the same programme was a special thrill, especially in a cheerful little item on angling and marital strain, featuring blokes with big guts and the women who love them. Obsessive fishing is bad for relationships, obviously; and while fishing widows can be resilient or resigned, resentful or reflective, whichever it is, they end up doing it on their own. Never marry a carp man, that's the big tip. And even without having a clue what this means, it certainly sounds like sense.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (75656)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (31013675)
9.05 Kids on Kilroy: Racism(1958507) **9.30 A Word in Your Ear** (s) (90255)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8853859) **10.05 The Last Viking.** The story of modern-day Viking Ragnar Thorseth (r) (4175526)
11.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (6321439) **11.05 Cagney and Lacey.** Vintage crime series (r). (Ceefax) (1153965)
12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1099052) **12.05pm Pebble Mill Encore.** Includes the interview with Leslie Nielson (s) (3203033) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (16070168)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (93491)
1.30 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (53658149) **1.50 Turnabout** (s)(89280897) **2.20 The Flying Doctors.** High-flying medical drama (Ceefax) (s) (6258439)
3.00 Greenfingers. This week's featured garden is in Comber, Co Down (s) (7168)
3.30 Cartoon (3040236) **3.45 TVK** (s) (3038491) **4.00 The New Yogi Bear Show** (r) (4441149) **4.10 Rugrats** (r) (s) (2178323) **4.35 Round the Twist** (r). (Ceefax) (4470138)
5.00 Newsround (1191168) **5.10 Grange Hill** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (6638385)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (637410)
6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (149)
6.30 Regional news magazines (101)
7.00 Wipeout. Paul Daniels hosts the last in the series. (Ceefax) (s) (9149)
7.30 Fat Man in France: Burgundy. Tom Vernon samples the best of fruit liqueurs. (Ceefax) (s) (385)
8.00 Keeping Up Appearances starring Patricia Routledge as the indomitable Hyacinth Bucket (r). (Ceefax) (s) (8897)

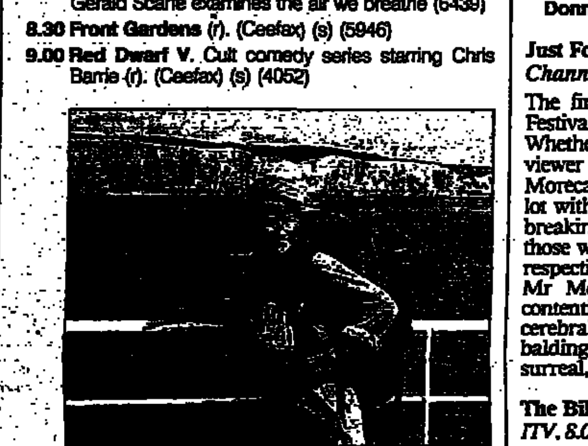


Jim Davidson and John Virgo (8.30pm)

8.30 Big Break. Jim Davidson introduces the snooker and general knowledge game show. (Ceefax) (s) (7304)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News. (Ceefax), regional news and weather (6410)
9.30 FILM: Mission of the Shark (1991). Stacy Keach Jr and Richard Thomas star in the true story of the wartime cruiser *USS Indianapolis* which sank in shark-infested water. Directed by Robert Iscove. (Ceefax) (669255) **Northern Ireland:** Anderson on the Box 10.25 FILM: Running Scared. 12.05am Inside Ulster 12.10 Midnight Caller 12.55-1.55 The Neville Brothers Live in New Orleans
11.05 FILM: The Unnamable Returns (1992) starring Mark Kinsey Stephenson. A professor and one of his student's attempt to destroy the demonic creature lurking beneath a graveyard. Directed by Jean-Paul Ouellette (597959)
12.50am Children of the Dragon. The conclusion of the story about a surgeon who becomes embroiled in the events of Tiananmen Square when he takes a post at Peking Medical College (170188)
1.35 Weather (3781057). Ends at **2.30**

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6.45 Open University: Statistics (5158897) **7.10** Social Problems and Social Welfare (6226743) **7.35** The Industry of Culture (2695472)
8.00 Breakfast News (Ceefax and signing) (3315975)
8.15 Pinocchio (r) (7210255) **8.35 Babar** (r) (3457323)
9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **10.00 Playdays** (s) (5954168) **1.40 You and Me** (38245897) **1.45 Come Outside** (41037491) **2.00 Fireman Sam** (r) (39746089)
2.10 Open View (r) (99638830)
2.15 Racing from Ascot. The **2.30** Reader's Digest Rated Stakes; **3.05** Buckingham Palace Rates Stakes; **3.35** Ewar Stud Farms Stakes. Includes at **2.55 News** and weather (836588) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8004507)
4.00 FILM: Annie's Coming Out (1984). The true story of a physically handicapped teenage girl and her therapist's struggle to have her accepted by society as a normal person. Directed by Gil Brealey (86762)
5.30 A Cook's Tour of France II (r). (Ceefax) (s) (878)
6.00 Captain Scarlet and the Mysterons (r). (Ceefax) (962859) **6.25 Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased).** Vintage 1970s detective series (r) (767762)
7.15 The O-Zone. East 17 talk to Zoe Ball about their new single (s) (703588)
7.30 Sounds of the Seventies. Includes performances from Aretha Franklin, Michael Jackson and Rose Royce (r) (s) (255)
8.00 A Breath of Fresh Air. Chronic asthma sufferer Gerald Scarfe examines the air we breathe (6439)
8.30 Front Gardens (r). (Ceefax) (s) (5946)
9.00 Red Dwarf V. Cult comedy series starring Chris Barrie (r). (Ceefax) (s) (4052)



Ffyona Campbell sets out for home (9.30pm)

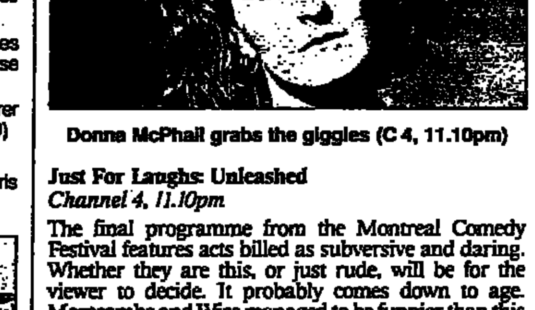
9.30 The Longest Walk: High and Dry. (Ceefax) (89149)
10.00 Knowing Me, Knowing You... with Alan Partridge. Comedy chat show starring Steve Coogan. (Ceefax) (s) (50149)
10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (512217)
11.15 Loose Talk. Kevin Day chairs a topical comic discussion (581110)
11.45 The Larry Sanders Show. (Ceefax) (s) (981168)
12.10am Weather (7187809)
12.15 The Fugitive (b/w). Classic adventure series starring David Janssen. (Ceefax) (3506095)
1.05 FILM: Les Dames du Bois de Boulogne (1946, b/w). *When a woman is no longer sure of her lover's devotion to her, she enlists the help of a young dancer.* Directed by Robert Bresson. In French with English subtitles (2715724). Ends at **2.30**

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CHOICE

The Longest Walk: High and Dry
BBC2, 9.30pm

Deep into Spain on the last stage of her round-the-world walk, Ffyona Campbell sells the mule she has enlisted to carry her camping equipment and buys a donkey. Two weeks later the donkey goes lame and can go no further. Worried that the episode will imply she has been cruel, Ffyona threatens to pull out of the series unless the dodgy donkey footage is expunged. The BBC refuses and tension rises. The donkey is eventually replaced as Ffyona's travelling companion by Janet Street-Porter, who turns out to be president of the Ramblers' Association. This is the cue for Ffyona to rubbish the association for appealing to oldies. Ffyona may well get to John O'Groats. Whether the BBC crew is still with her may be another matter.



Donna McPhail grabs the giggles (C 4, 11.10pm)

Just For Laughs: Unleashed
Channel 4, 11.10pm

The final programme from the Montreal Comedy Festival features acts billed as subversive and daring. Whether they are this, or just rude, will be for the viewer to decide. It probably comes down to age. Morecambe and Wise managed to be funnier than this lot without showing how a female condom works or breaking wind to the strains of *The Blue Danube*. For those who do delight in such material it is provided, respectively, by Donna McPhail and somebody called Mr Methane. Also on view is Steady Eddy, the contentious Australian comic who suffers from cerebral palsy. My taste was more for Harry Hill, a balding, bespectacled droll with a nice touch of the surreal, because he reminds me of Spike Milligan.

The Bill: Living Legend
ITV, 8.00pm

Having resisted cliff-hanging stories for so long, it seems *The Bill* cannot have enough of them. While we wait for DI Johnson to go on trial for murder in the tenth anniversary episode in October, her boss could be in a similar predicament after a death in custody. Trouble starts for Meadows (Simon Rouse), one of the show's strongest and most persuasive regulars, when he pulls in a suspected drugs dealer but cannot find the evidence to stand up charges. Helen Leadbeater's script is lean and economical, deftly charting the interplay of character and pushing the narrative along like an express train. In a word, it maintains the standard of this most authentic of all police series. The concluding episode can be seen next Friday.

Class Action
Channel 4, 8.00pm

The start of the new academic year is the cue for the return of the education series, with its usual mix of items serious and trivial. Tonight you can find out where to "buy" a PhD for £75 and about another institution offering instant degrees, the University of Knightsbridge which is based in Torquay and registered in Denmark. Of more weight is Jon Snow's report on the chemistry teacher of the year, Dr Anne Hubbard, and how she makes her subject come alive for schoolchildren in Surrey. In Derbyshire, meanwhile, parents are so determined to get their children into a popular comprehensive school that they will buy a property within its catchment area with no intention of living there. Peter Waymark

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6.00am GMTV (8970168)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep (1947491) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (5931217)
10.00 The Time . . . the Place . . . (s) (9268656)
10.35 This Morning (9738588) **12.20pm London Today** (Teletext) and weather (1095236)
12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (9150168)
12.55 Coronation Street (r) (Teletext) (9135859) **1.25 Home and Away** (Teletext) (68677217)
1.55 One in 5 Million. A 33-year-old single mother talks to Jeni Barnett about her work as a freelance desk-top publisher (s) (89274236) **2.25 A Country Practice** Medical drama set in the Australian outback (s) (20138507)
2.50 Take the High Road Scottish drama series (2048323) **3.20 ITN News** headlines. (Teletext) (9227878) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (9226149)
3.30 The Magic House (r) (3035304) **3.45 The Spooks of Bottle Bay** (s) (3030859) **4.00 Toucan Tecs** (r) (s) (4552217) **4.15 Avenger Penguins** (s) (2162762)



Jackie Sawiris and Hugo Myatt (4.40pm)

4.40 Knightmare. The interactive adventure game (s) (2695110)
5.10 After 5 (Teletext) (4430526)
5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (961014)
6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (959385)
6.25 London Tonight with Alastair Stewart and Fiona Foster. (Teletext) (398781)
7.00 Beadle's About. Jeremy Beadle unleashes another selection of practical jokes played on unsuspecting members of the public. (Teletext) (4217)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (781)
8.00 CHOICE **The Bill: Living Legend.** (Teletext) (3965)
8.30 Second Thoughts starring James Bolam and Lynda Bellingham as a middle-aged couple who find love second time round. When Faith falls ill, Hannah accompanies Bill to the magazine group dinner. (Teletext) (s) (2472)
9.00 NEW **Missing.** Alastair Stewart and Fiona Foster head the nationwide search for missing people. (Teletext) (2323)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (47675)
10.30 Crime Monthly. Penny Smith appeals for viewers' help with unsolved crimes (30205)
11.30 The Trials of Rosie O'Neill. Sharon Gless stars as a lawyer (s) (490781)
12.20am London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (5152724)
12.30 Whale On (s) (57989)
1.30 ITV Chart Show (s) (27095)
2.30 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (75873)
3.00 Gaz Top Non Stop (17618)
4.00 Noisy Mothers. Weekly look at the rock and heavy metal music scene (s) (50811)
5.00 Best of British Motor Sport (93750)
5.30 ITN Morning News (87434) Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.30am Chicken Minute (r) (75507)
7.00 The Big Talking Breakfast (83014)
9.00 You Bet Your Life (r) (57052)
9.30 Schools: Eureka! **9.45** Stop, Look, Listen **10.00** Fourways Farm **10.10** Maths Everywhere **10.25** The Technology Programme **10.40** Off Limits **11.05** Schools at Work **11.11** Time for Maths **11.22** Stage One **11.40** How We Used to Live (s) (325965)
12.00 Profiles of Nature: The Musk-Ox. A wildlife documentary, made by Jean-Louis Frund of Montreal, of the life-cycle of the hairy mammal that is found in Canada's high Arctic and parts of Greenland (r) (44588)
12.30pm Sesame Street (r) (17149)
1.30 Lift Off (r) (86052)
2.00 Living Memory. The final programme in the series of reminiscences of the Pickernell family over the last six decades (1743)
2.30 FILM: He Who Rides a Tiger (1965, b/w) starring Tom Bell, Judi Dench and Ray McAnally. Thriller about a burglar who is released from prison and falls for a woman with an illegitimate son. Directed by Charles Crichton (28081781)
4.25 Street Scene. A director is making a film when a building explodes (2495912)
4.30 Countdown. Another chance to win up to £1,000 in conjunction with *The Times*. (Teletext) (s) (694)
5.00 The Bureau: Fighting the Family (r). (Teletext) (s) (4830)
6.00 Blossom (r). (Teletext) (s) (859)
6.30 Happy Days. Comedy with Fonzie and the gang (r). (Teletext) (439). Followed by **Terrytoons**
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (140491)
7.50 You Don't Know Me But... A person in the news receives some unsolicited advice (304491)



Dr Anne Hubbard meets Jon Snow (8.00pm)

8.00 CHOICE **Class Action.** (Teletext) (1507)
8.30 Brookside. (Teletext) (s) (9994)
9.00 Garden Club. Roy Lancaster, Matthew Biggs and Rebecca Ransom visit Northwich in Cheshire. (Teletext) (9120)
9.30 The Golden Girls. More comedy from the Miami matrons of a certain age (r). (Teletext) (74217)
10.00 Frasier. Comedy spin-off from the popular *Cheers* series. (Teletext) (s) (45217)
10.30 Clive Anderson Talks Back. The loquacious lawyer welcomes Billy Crystal and Antoine de Caunes (s) (516033)
11.10 CHOICE **Just For Laughs – Unleashed** (s) (186946)
12.35am FILM: Blood Beast Terror (1967) starring Peter Cushing and Robert Flemyng. Horror movie about a 19th-century police inspector hunting a creature responsible for a series of murders. Directed by Vernon Sewell (5242502)
2.05 FILM: Mystery of the Wax Museum (1933, early Technicolor) starring Lionel Atwill and Fay Wray. A crazed sculptor uses the bodies of his murder victims as a base for his wax effigies. Directed by Michael Curtiz (7227811). Ends at **3.30**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Anglia News (5931217) **12.20pm-12.30** Anglia News (1095236) **1.55** The Young Doctors (53646304) **2.20-3.20** Murder, She Wrote (8073089) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News (9226149) **5.10-5.40** Weekend (4430526) **6.25-7.00** Anglia Weather followed by Anglia News (398781) **10.30** Anglia News and Weather (244977) **10.40** John Stapleton Tonight (986743) **11.40** MacGyver (487217) **12.35am** The Hidden Room (2118434) **1.00** Quatermass and the Pit (949845) **2.45** Whale On (7295095) **3.40** Noisy Mothers (9938908) **4.35-5.30** The New Music (1503637)

CENTRAL
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Central News (5931217) **12.20pm-12.30** Central News and Weather (1095236) **1.55** A Country Practice (53646304) **2.20** Fashion File (20120588) **2.50-3.20** Travel Trails (2048323) **3.25-3.30** Central News (9226149) **5.10-5.40** Movies, Games and Videos (4430526) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (398781) **10.30** Central News and Weather (244977) **10.40** Central Weekend (6482168) **12.10am** Kojak (1780569) **1.10** Whale On (8181386) **2.10** The Big E (8497569) **3.00** Noisy Mothers (17618) **4.00** Jobfinder (4608427) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (2874927)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.55 Take the High Road (89274236) **2.25-3.20** Murder, She Wrote (1489101) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (4430526) **5.55** Home and Away (833694) **6.25-7.00** HTV News (398781) **10.40** Burglar (96981659) **12.35am** The Twilight Zone (2118434) **1.00** Quatermass and the Pit (949845) **2.45** Whale On (7295095) **3.40** Noisy Mothers (9938808) **4.35-5.30** The New Music (1503637)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 6.25-7.00 Wales Tonight (398781) **10.30-10.40** HTV News (244977)

MERIDIAN
As London except: **1.55** A Country Practice (53646304) **2.20** Take the High Road (20120588) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (2048323) **3.25-3.30** Meridian News and Weather (9226149) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (4430526) **6.00-7.00** Meridian Tonight (64830) **10.40** The China Lake Murders (78606830) **12.25am** All Together Now (1749095) **12.55** Whale On (8955569) **1.55** Noisy Mothers (2511618) **2.55** The New Music (5758521) **3.55** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (69194705) **4.25** America's Top Ten (1594968) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (98760)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (53646304) **2.20-3.10** Murder, She Wrote (1406878) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (4430526) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (305946) **6.30-7.00** McNally On The Run (897) **10.40** A Woman's Place (375217) **11.10** Lifeforce (978675) **1.05am** Whale On (7731845) **2.05** The Big E (8465980) **2.55** The Long Ships (45649163) **5.00-5.30** Sprockets (93750)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 12.20pm Westcountry News (1071656) **12.25-12.30** My Story (1009255) **1.55** Travel Trails (89274236) **2.25-2.55** Gardeners' Diary (20129859) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry News; Weather (9226149) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (4430526) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (64830) **10.30** Westcountry News; Weather (656694) **10.50** Souvenir (76502014) **12.35am** Rock Sport (2118434) **1.00** Quatermass and the Pit (949845) **2.45** Whale On (7295095) **3.40** Noisy Mothers (9938908) **4.35-5.30** The New Music (1503637)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Calendar News and Weather (5931217) **12.20pm-12.30** Yorkshire: Calendar News and Weather / Bilsdale: Network North (1095236) **1.55** A Country Practice (53646304) **2.20** Murder, She Wrote (1406878) **3.10** Help Yourself (9221694) **3.15-3.20** Five Minutes (9220965) **3.25-3.30** Yorkshire: Calendar News / Bilsdale: Network North (9226149) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (4430526) **5.55** Calendar / Network North (305946) **6.30-7.00** On Your Marks (897) **10.30** Calendar News and Weather (244977) **10.40** Married with Children (375217) **11.10** Lifeforce (978675) **1.05am** Whale On (7731845) **2.05** The Big E (8465980) **2.55** The Long Ships (45649163) **5.00-5.30** Sprockets (93750)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (83014) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (57052) **9.30** Ysgolion (325965) **12.00pm** Profiles of Nature: The Musk Ox (44588) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (87781) **1.00** Sesame Street (82236) **2.00** Living Memory (1743) **2.30** The Man In The White Suit (11481256) **4.05** Valley of the Stereos (2186169) **4.25** Boy Meets World (1745101) **5.00** 5 Pump — Uned 5 (5323) **5.30** Countdown (946) **6.00** Newyddion (576833) **6.20** Heno (388304) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (2659) **7.30** Dim Clw (323) **8.00** Gwlad Moc (1507) **8.30** Newyddion (9994) **9.00** 21 St Century Airport (6615) **10.00** Brookside (45217) **10.30** Clive Anderson Talks Back (516033) **11.10** Just For Laughs (148781) **12.10am** Blood Beast Terror (7762347) **1.40** Mystery Of The Wax Museum (2681589)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am DJ Kat Show (58966138) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (1970897) **9.10** Cartoons (5870946) **9.30** Card Sharks (2465255) **9.55** Concentration (2440946) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (8784878) **10.30** Love at First Sight (88946) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (26743) **12.00** Urban Peasant (77746) **12.30pm** E Street (81453) **1.00** Falcon Crest (31526) **2.00** Hart to Hart (87588) **3.00** Another World (8701859) **3.45** DJ Kat Show (8715304) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (5588) **6.00** Gamesworld (8781) **6.30** Blockbusters (8033) **7.00** E Street (6217) **7.30** M*A*S*H (5217) **8.00** Code 3 (5965) **8.30** Sightings (4472) **9.00** Brisco County Jr (56859) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (59946) **11.00** Late Show (398859) **11.45** Battlestar Galactica (299743) **12.45am** Barney Miller (64163) **1.15-1.45** Night Court (61078)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (2294526) **9.30** Worldwide Report (47965) **10.30** ABC Nightline (86588) **1.30** CBS News (89007) **2.30** Travel (63168) **3.30** Special Report (7439) **6.00** Littlejohn (88236) **9.30** *Financial Times* Reports (21149) **11.30** CBS News (44476) **12.30am** ABC News (38873) **1.10** Littlejohn (43057) **2.30** *Financial Times* Reports (38255) **3.30** Special Report (48750) **4.30** CBS News (71328) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (34366)

SKY MOVIES
6.10am Showcase (88721101) **10.00 Falsely Accused** as 6pm (14859) **12.00 The Brain** (1969): David Niven is the brains behind a train heist (15149) **2.00pm The Perfectionist** (1985): Comedy about a wife who has an affair (73526) **4.00 Texas Across the River** (1966): Spoof western (3120) **6.00 Falsely Accused** (1993): Three friends fall foul of a gangster (80105507) **7.40 US Top Ten** (331410) **8.00 The Bodyguard** (1992): Kevin Costner protects a singing star (Whitney Houston) from an obsessive fan (97504052) **10.10 Pet Sematary II** (1992): Grisly yarn about a graveyard (165149) **11.55 Kickboxer** (1989): Martial arts action (984507) **1.40am Dead Easy** (1982) (8190231) **3.00 Footloose** (1984): A teenage dance freak scandalises a prim town (548095) **4.45-5.55 The Perfectionist:** As 2pm (1558453)

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Lifeboat (1944). Alfred Hitchcock's drama (57526) **8.00 Adios, Sabata** (1971): Violent western (29743) **10.00 Bring Me the Head of Alfredo Garcia** (1974): Sam Peckinpah's violent gothic thriller (28526). Ends at **12.00**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Three Warriors (1977): A boy grows up with two cultures (57491) **8.00 The New Adventures of William Tell** Animated period yarn (65830) **9.00 The Prisoner of Zenda** (1988): Cartoon adaptation (64052) **10.00 Dogtanian and the Three Muskehounds** (1981): Cartoon (81471) **12.00 Each Dawn I Die** (1939): James Cagney is framed for murder (50061) **2.00pm Wild Card** (1992): Powers Boothe clashes with a Vietnam veteran (71168) **4.00 The New Adventures of William Tell.** As 8am (28588) **5.00 The Prisoner of Zenda.** As 9am (4759471) **5.55 Cool as Ice** (1991): Vanilla Ice's film debut as a rap star (51097052) **7.30 The Movie Show** (1255) **8.00 Leon the Pig Farmer** (1992). A Jewish man is the son of a pig farmer (63149) **10.00 Fifty/Fifty** (1992): Mercenaries are recruited by southeast Asian militia (801304) **11.45 Equinox** (1993): Matthew Modine plays twin brothers (470110) **1.35am Doctor Mordrid** (1992): Two sorcerers from another dimension clash on Earth (8191960) **2.55 Visions of Murder** (1993): Barbara Eden is implicated in a murder (903873) **4.30-5.55 Cool as Ice** As 5.55pm (80453)

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Soccer (8391453) **7.15** WWF (663217) **8.15** Soccer (1811033) **9.30** Watersports (24217) **9.30** Aerobics (18762) **10.00** Australian Rugby League (38526) **12.00** Aerobics (88033) **12.30pm** Sports Classics (31092472) **12.45** Training Ground (31020255) **1.00** American Sports (17033) **2.00** Scottish Masters Snooker, live (397548) **5.00** NBA Basketball (8385) **5.30** Soccer (2526) **6.00** Soccer (37897) **7.00** Castleford v Wigan, live (133946) **9.30** Boot Room (18323) **10.30** Soccer (98410) **11.00** Soccer Weekend (81694) **12.00-2.30am** Castleford v Wigan (101502)

SKY SPORTS 2
6.00pm Sport Special (1472052) **6.30** British Rally Championships (1463304) **7.00** European Masters Show Jumping (9078679) **9.00** Snooker Scottish Masters (4470410) **11.30-1.30am** British Rally Championships (5637526)



Patrick Macnee and Diana Rigg (Bravo, 2.00pm and 8.00pm)

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7.30am Step Aerobics (65149) **8.00** Mountainbike (18946) **9.00** Eurofun (93965) **9.30** Tennis (28930) **10.00** Motors (75033) **11.00** Canoeing (95897) **12.00** Live Formula One (26781) **1.00pm** Motorsports (78471) **2.00** Motorcycling (2101) **2.30** Tennis (3738410) **6.30** News (5859) **7.00** Formula One (12439) **8.00** Boxing (92675) **10.00** Tennis (86656) **11.30** Motorcycling (66897) **12.00-12.30am** Eurosport News (71811)

UK GOLD
7.00am Sullivans (6444743) **7.30** Neighbours (6463878) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (3699236) **8.30** EastEnders (3688507) **9.00** The Bill (3689859) **9.30** All Creatures (7489410) **10.30** Casualty (96991439) **11.25** Sullivans (90055694) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (3692323) **12.30pm** Neighbours (7513762) **1.00** EastEnders (6443014) **1.30** The Bill (7512033) **2.00** Are You Being Served? (3149946) **2.30** Rose (6448526) **3.00** Knots Landing (2685743) **4.00** Dynasty (2604878) **5.00** Every Second Counts (6455491) **5.40** Captain Pugwash (6126507) **5.50** Sykes (1056589) **6.30** EastEnders (6430507) **7.00** Are You Being Served? (3143762) **7.30** And Mother Makes Five (6429491) **8.00** Hazell (3360304) **9.00** Casualty (3980168) **10.00** The Bill (3693052) **10.30** Top of the Pops (2580491) **11.20** Carrott Confidential (6474743) **12.00** Dr Who (3908637) **12.30am** FILM: Quest for Love (1971), sci-fi drama (5944724) **2.05** Shopping (5245415)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Ratkan III (4242365) **6.15** Teddy Ruxpin (809859) **6.45** Casper (891830) **7.15** Eek (898743) **7.45** Saved by the Bell (897014) **8.15** Head to Head (7009149) **8.25** Super Mario Brothers (7414033) **8.50** Titou (1858236) **9.00** Drobee (24472) **10.00** Christopher Crocodile (80052) **11.00** Kitty Cats (97656) **11.30** Barney (98395) **12.00** Ratkan III (20033) **12.30pm** Eek (70526) **1.00** Saved by the Bell (71304) **1.30** Head to Head (59710472) **1.40** Super Mario Brothers (48497584) **2.00** Babar (8859) **2.30** Madeline (6120) **3.00** Tic Tac Toons (5816014) **3.15** Around the World (429762) **3.45** The Bots' Master (428033) **4.15** Head to Head (8531168) **4.30-5.00** Halfway Across the Galaxy (3656)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Superchicken (3353085) **7.15** Grimmy (256743) **7.45** Rugrats (255014) **8.15** Ren and Stimpy (1819675) **8.30** Slimer (82859) **9.00** Nick Jr (357859) **12.00** Pee-Wee's Playhouse (86675) **12.30pm** Muppets (10120) **1.00** Doug (79859) **1.30** Alvin (19491) **2.00** Denver (5675) **2.30** Smoggies (9052) **3.00** Slimer (7410) **3.30** Carmen Sandiego (1897) **4.00** Grimmy (7584) **4.30** Rugrats (6588) **5.00** Clarissa (9255) **5.30** Doug (7728) **6.00** Are You Afraid? (2651) **6.30-7.00** Joe 90 (1033)

DISCOVERY
4.00am Red Kangaroos (2695120) **5.00** Magic? (3140675) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (9765091) **6.55** Sports (2313052) **7.05** Adventure (8841675) **8.05** Islands of the Pacific (2233946) **9.00** Munro (2691304) **9.30** Coral Reef (7531168) **10.00** New Explorers (3691694) **10.30** Paramedics (3677014) **11.00-12.00** Reaching for the Skies (6451033)

BRAVO
12.00 FILM: She shall have Music (1935): Musical (6670965) **1.30pm** Donny and Marie (7507101) **2.00** Avengers (8058859) **3.00** My Three Sons (3153149) **3.30** Beverly Hillbillies (6445439) **4.00** FILM: I'll Be Your Sweetheart (1945). Dance-hall (3157965) **6.00** Get Smart (6434323) **6.30** Edgar Wallace (1890859) **7.30** Saber (6421859) **8.00** Avengers (3955472) **9.00** Garry Shandling (2688830) **9.30** FILM: Vampire Bat (1936): A mad scientist kills for blood (4161507) **11.00-12.00** Time Tunnel (8455859)

UK LIVING
6.00am Agony Hour (1849491) **7.00** Living Highlights (8061236) **8.00** Fighting Back (3804526) **8.30** Truth about Women (3803897) **9.00** Floyd on France (3694149) **9.30** Now You See It (2551439) **10.00** Trivia Trap (7099033) **10.30** Definition (3883033) **11.00** Young and Restless (8996694) **12.00** Fashion Show (3874365) **12.30pm** Practical Living (51337588) **12.45** Kilroy (1198138) **1.30** Planting (2554526) **2.00** Agony Hour (7090762) **3.00** Jayne's Magazine (7517236) **3.45** Gladrags (71115656) **4.00** Infatuation (9350149) **4.30** Definition (73381033) **4.55** Spain on a Plate (2218014) **5.30** Kate and Allie (9330365) **6.00** Maternal World (9360526) **6.30** Musiquest (9351878) **7.00** Jayne's Magazine (8844033) **8.00** Young and Restless (8853781) **9.00** FILM: Why Would I Lie? (1980) Treat Williams is social worker (8863168) **11.00** Infatuation (2896101) **11.30-12.00** Maternal World (7095217)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00am Tinan (2439) **5.30** Motormouth (22410) **6.30** Through the Keyhole (8101) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (2675) **7.30** Mighty Jungle (4385) **8.00** Road to Avonlea (21101) **9.00** Moonlighting (41965) **10.00** Catchphrase (21762) **10.30** GP (30410) **11.00** Lou Grant (91781) **12.00** Rhoda (97873) **12.30am** Big Brother Jake (68873) **1.00** Catchphrase (56685) **1.30** Trivial Pursuit (46347) **2.00** Moonlighting (19989) **3.00** Lou Grant (40908) **4.00** Rhoda (52057) **4.30-5.00** Mighty Jungle (23908)

MTV
5.00am Wildside (725231) **8.00** VJ Ingo (286897) **11.00** Soul (79946) **12.00** Greatest Hits (51491) **1.00pm** VJ Enrico (34859) **2.30** Football Special (76743) **3.30** Coca-Cola Report (2989491) **3.45** Movies (2984946) **4.00** News (8510675) **4.15** Three from One (8533526) **4.30** Dial (5014) **5.00** Music Non-Stop (10656) **7.00** Greatest Hits (54439) **8.00** Most Wanted (13878) **9.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (52120) **10.00** Coca-Cola Report (444520) **10.15** Movies (494025) **10.30** News (817859) **10.45** Three from One (805014) **11.00** Party Zone (71033) **1.00am** Chill Out Zone (53298) **2.00** Videos (5182927)

TV ASIA
6.00am Persian Dawn (22526) **7.00** Asian Morning (65743) **9.00** Serial (51526) **10.00** Pakistani Movie (913439) **1.00pm** Serial (88630) **1.30** Hindi Movie (816052) **4.30** Kiddie Time (3410) **5.00-6.00** TVA and You (8472) **7.00** Bollywood Plus (9491) **7.30** Waqt (7217) **8.00** News (471897) **8.15** Hindi Movie (98106897) **11.15** Zameen Aasman (680217) **12.05am** Five Past Midnight (9307182) **1.35** Sight and Sound (89182873)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT
Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.
7.00pm Jeopardy (1953): A woman is taken hostage (94682472) **8.20 They Only Kill Their Masters** (1972): James Garner investigates (54565120) **10.05 The Night Digger** (1971): Patricia Neal befriends a psychopath (67999033) **12.00 Private Parts** (1972). Outlandish black comedy, set in a bizarre hotel (21154057) **1.40am Night Must Fall** (1964): Thrilling drama (34458705) **3.35 Cause for Alarm** (1951): A wife is terrorised by her husband (57258786)

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HILL AND COULTHARD FORCED TO FOCUS ON ABSENT RIVALS

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WOMEN'S GAME BACK ON TRACK AS NEW SEASON BECKONS

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 23 1994

Faldo confirms intention to play more on US tour next year

Ballesteros lights up the skies



Spectators follow the flight of Ballesteros's ball as he plays his approach to the 16th over the trees during his round of 65 yesterday. Photograph: Anton Want/Allsport

FROM JOHN HOPKINS
GOLF CORRESPONDENT
IN SAINT-NOM-LA-BRETÈCHE

TWO important issues on the European tour were resolved at the start of the Lancôme Trophy here yesterday before proceedings were brought to a rousing conclusion by a couple of flashes of genius by Severiano Ballesteros that lit up this drab and windy autumn day in a way that only Ballesteros can.

First the issues. After his round of 68, two under par, Nick Faldo confirmed that he will rejoin the US tour in 1995, news that was welcomed by officials at the US tour. By then, word had just come that Ballesteros will replace John Daly and compete in the World Match Play Championship next month. Good sense has prevailed. Hallelujah.

To hear that last Tuesday Faldo committed himself to playing as many as 17 events in the US in 1995 cannot have done the European tour any good at a time when it is enduring financial difficulties, facing questions about its television contract and receiving criticisms from Faldo and Ballesteros about the quality of courses at some of the early-season tournaments. Faldo will start his US campaign in the Arizona desert in mid-January and play eight events culminating with The Players' Championship at the end of March. Then he will enter a further four in a row, starting with the Masters.

Despite appearances to the contrary, Faldo is not leaving the European tour, though he has no idea how many events he will compete in next year. It is hard to imagine that it will be as many as 11, as it will have been by the end of this year, and it must be doubtful that he will be back from the US in time to play in the Benson and Hedges International Open, which this year ended in early May.

FIRST-ROUND SCORES

(GB and Ire unless stated): 68: S Ballesteros (Sp), V Singh (Fij) 67: M A Jiménez (Sp) 68: N Faldo, P Eales, I Woosnam, J Haeggman (Swe), J M Olazabal (Sp), F Nobilo (NZ) 69: G Orr, H Clark, G Brand Jr, C Montgomerie, M Davis, G Turner (NZ), D Gilford, R Rafferty, R Davis (Aus), 70: A Coltart, P Way, L Westwood, M Harwood (Aus), C Rocca (It), G Player (SA) 71: P Walton, R Claydon, P Baker, T Johnstone (Zim), J-L Gueqy (Fr), S Torrance, S Ames (Tm), B Lane, D J Russell, J Lomas 72: P Hedblom (Swe), P Mitchell, P McGinley, M Clayton (Aus), B Langer (Ger), J Caceres (Arg), E Romero (Arg), P Curry, M Roe, C Mason, R Allenby (Aus), D Clarke, S Richardson. 73: * L Pargada (Fr), J Parnevik (Swe), A Forsbrand (Swe), D Smyth, A Lyle. 74: * S Gallacher, P-U Johansson (Swe), A Palmer (US), M Besancenay (Fr), M McNulty (Zim), M Lanner (Swe), G Hjertstedt (Swe). 75: R Goosen (SA), T Laval (Fr), M James, W Westner (SA), J van de Velde (Fr). 76: L Trevino (US). 77: * G Chalmers (Aus). 79: P Price, J Garaialde (Fr), P Fulke (Swe).

* denotes amateur

Faldo, like Greg Norman a few years ago, is altering his lifestyle and refocusing his life in an attempt to regain the elusive ingredient that enabled him to win one in four of the major titles between July 1987 and August 1992. Faldo says he got his schedule wrong this year by not playing enough events in sequence to get into a rhythm and that he needs to prepare more on good greens before the Masters in April and the US Open in June. This is the nub of his gripe with Ken Schofield, the boss of the European tour, and in this he is joined by Ballesteros, who also thinks the greens at some of the early-season European tournaments are not good enough.

Faldo has become obsessed by his putting and blames nearly every poor round on this department of play. Accordingly, he thinks that if he bases himself at Lake Nona, where his coach, David Leadbetter, has a teaching school, and spends time playing and practising on American greens, which he believes are more uniform than those in Europe at the same time of year, he will putt better in the major championships.

He is returning to the sort of schedule in the US that he last undertook in the early 1980s. It will be infinitely harder now that he has three children and a stable marriage, neither of which he had then. However, he intends to spend time with his children during their half-term and again when they will fly out to join him during the Masters. "As someone who cares about our tour, I would like to see Nick more in Europe," Ballesteros said, "but I totally understand his position."

Ballesteros's position, meanwhile, is this. He is playing some of the best golf of his life, his popularity is growing and he has the look of a contented man, one who is enjoying himself more than he has for some time. His 65 yesterday suggested he was delighted that the World Match Play episode, which was perceived by almost everyone other than the International Management Group, the organiser of the event, as an extraordinary blunder, had ended satisfactorily.

Ballesteros played his first nine holes while being watched for the first time by his oldest child, four-year-old Baldomero. "I told Billy Foster [his caddie] that we had better behave ourselves to give him a good example," Ballesteros said. He did just that. Four under par on the 17th tee, Ballesteros produced a magical bunker shot from 15 yards to within a foot on the 17th and then another, again played with one foot outside the bunker, on the 18th. This one ended in the hole, so he moved to five under par and into a tie for the lead with Vijay Singh.

Ballesteros grinned at his own legerdemain. These days, golf is fun for him once again; and when it is fun for him, it is a privilege to watch him.

Ferguson asked to justify selection for cup-tie

BY PETER BALL

THE Football League took another step towards a collision with Manchester United yesterday over the club's decision to field a team containing seven reserves for their Coca-Cola Cup second-round match against Port Vale at Vale Park on Wednesday.

Although United's youngsters won 2-1, the league has asked the club to explain the selection. "Inevitably they will then be asked to attend a Football League commission of inquiry," a league spokesman said.

Although Hughes and Ince were injured, at least four of the nine changes from the team that played on Saturday were unforced. With league regulations specific that clubs must field their strongest teams at all times, there is little doubt that United are technically in the wrong. The league regards the result as an irrelevance, and United can expect a fine.

Morally, the situation is more confused. There will be sympathy for Port Vale supporters who bought expensive tickets expecting to see Cantona and Giggs rather than Scholes and Beckham, impressively as the latter pair played. But there is equal sympathy for United who, with the European Cup Champions' League on their plate, did not want to take part in the Coca-Cola Cup, but were not allowed to withdraw.

With success in Europe important to English football, and especially to their fellow members of the FA Carling Premiership, an argument that United simply had their priorities right will attract much support. "If we get through this round, they [the youngsters] will play in the next round as well," Alex Ferguson, the manager, said.

There are precedents. In 1957, with the championship already retained, cup commitments persuaded Matt Busby to field eight reserves in a first-division game against Burnley. At the same stage of the Coca-Cola Cup last year, United fielded an under-strength team against Stoke City. On that occasion Stoke won 2-1, but the league decided that Robson, Kanchelskis and McClair played regularly enough subsequently for it to be regarded as a satisfactory line-up.

Larwood presented with MBE in Sydney ceremony

BY MARCUS WILLIAMS

HAROLD Larwood, a frail figure now but 60 years ago the scourge of the Australians with his fast bowling, yesterday received official recognition of his cricketing feats when he was presented with his MBE insignia by the Governor of New South Wales, Rear Admiral Peter Sinclair.

Larwood, 89, was invited to the investiture ceremony in Sydney after the Governor heard that the honour, announced last year, had been posted to him from England and not formally presented.

The excitement of the occasion proved a strain for Larwood, who collapsed briefly after talking with the press and well-wishers but recovered after treatment.

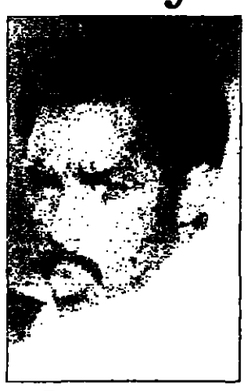
"I'd rather bowl to Don Bradman than stand up before a crowd like that," he said after the ceremony, recalling his duels with the great Australian batsman in the Bodyline series of 1932-33. Larwood, bowling to the orders of his captain, Douglas Jardine, took 33 wickets in the series, which England won 4-1.

Ironically, Larwood emigrated to Australia after the Second World War and lives in the Sydney suburb of Kensington. His sight is failing but he listens to cricket on the radio and gives some of the credit for the award to the Prime Minister, John Major, whose passion for cricket is well recorded.



Larwood: honoured

Players at a loss after lights go out at the Oval



Butcher: promoter

BY IVO TENNANT

FIFTY-EIGHT international cricketers and three umpires, many of them long established in the game, had still not been paid last night after the second day of a six-a-side competition, the International Floodlit Sixes, at the Oval was abruptly cancelled. No explanation was given by Roland Butcher, the former England batsman who recruited them as a director of the promoters, Cricket Legends.

Surrey County Cricket Club, who had no responsibility for the event, have told two of the players, Jeff Thomson and David Hookes, that they will pay their flights home to Australia. The remainder who live abroad have return tickets and have not incurred hotel expenses. But they were furious yesterday that they would not be paid their £1,000-per-man match fees for the two-day event.

Butcher antagonised the players who went to the Oval yesterday by arriving with a bodyguard and not offering them any remuneration. But last night a company director said that "every effort is being made to reimburse the players".

Two of the four directors of Cricket Legends resigned yesterday. Only around 1,200 spectators attended the first day's play and the players were told afterwards that they could not be paid all of their initial £500. They then refused to continue unless they received all they were owed.

The only individual who has been paid is Geoffrey Boycott, who as match referee requested payment in advance. The three umpires, John Holder, David Shepherd and Peter Willey, were due to be paid £500 each. Surrey were given a deposit for the hire of the ground and will have to pay the groundstaff, cleaners and security men themselves.

"I feel very disappointed for the spectators and deeply regret the irresponsibility of the organisers," Glyn Woodman, chief executive of Surrey, said. The club is to give a full refund of £17.50 to anybody who purchased tickets for yesterday.

"The players knew there was a risk," Dermot Reeve, the captain of the England side in the tournament, said. "We were told Cricket Legends' backers had pulled out because of the bad press the first day received. The promoters wanted to use cash through the turnstiles to pay the players, but at the end of the evening the money was locked away."

The start of play on Wednesday had been delayed through two players — Mohammad Azharuddin and Courtney Walsh — demanding money in advance. The promoters, backed by Reeve — "as a gesture of goodwill" — refused. In addition to their fees, the players were competing for prize-money of £50,000. Most of them were still at their hotel in Mayfair last night, still looking to speak to Butcher. "He seems to be a nice enough guy, but what sort of a situation are we dealing with when there is a bodyguard involved?" Pat Symcox, the South Africa off spinner, said.

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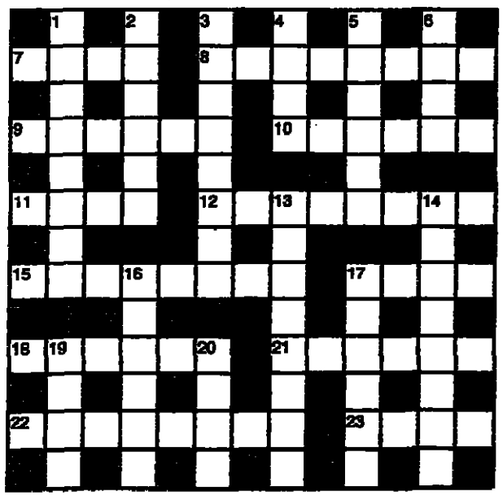
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TIMES TWO CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

7 Strong wind (4)
8 (Mind) focused on a single objective (3-5)
9 Open slope (in front of fort) (6)
10 Royal money-distributing Thursday (6)
11 Front lower leg (4)
12 Fortnightly (8)
15 Executed French king (5,3)
17 Except (4)
18 Put an end to: liquor (6)
21 Fit for consumption (6)
22 Finish work: steal (5,3)
23 Make fun of (4)

DOWN

1 Loud fuss; exaggerated publicity (8)
2 Bonfire as signal (6)
3 Animal transporter (8)
4 Tiller; position of leadership (4)
5 Bird: complain (6)
6 Race (of cloud); missile (4)
13 Abandon as valueless (5,3)
14 *Stone walls do not a prison make* poet (8)
16 Untouched, entire (6)
17 Badge of disgrace; pollen receptacle (6)
19 Hypocrisy (4)
20 Blow horn: something funny (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 273

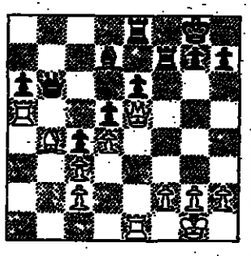
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By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Chandler - Levitt, Lloyds Bank Masters 1994.

Here White spotted a chance to win a key pawn with a neat combination. How did he continue?



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By Philip Howard

SINH
a. A Sri Lankan
b. A hyperbolic sine
c. An Eskimo bone skateboard

TZOLKIN
a. A Polish dance
b. A Mexican temple
c. The Mayan calendar

VOLKERWANDERUNG
a. Mass migration
b. A medieval epic cycle
c. A wandering folk-singer

TAMASHEK
a. A commotion or fuss
b. The Berber language
c. An Apache club

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